



Village of Winnetka

Environmental, Forestry, & Sustainability Commission Meeting

September 9, 2026 at 7:00 PM
Winnetka Village Hall Council Chambers - 510
Green Bay Road

AGENDA

1. **Introduction & Chair's Remarks**
2. **Public Comments**
3. **Review and Approval of Minutes**
 - a. August 12 EFSC Meeting Minutes
4. **Old Business Updates**
 - a. Solar Power Hour (and Farmers' Market promotion)
 - b. Bike Bus update
5. **New Business**
 - a. CAP implementation
 - b. Non-CAP initiatives
6. **Communications**
7. **Committee/Staff Reports**
 - a. Hefty Renew program, NCL mural, tree ordinance, tree walk
8. **Open Forum**
9. **Adjournment**

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**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL FORESTRY, AND SUSTAINABILITY
COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 12, 2026**

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held in the Council Chambers at Village Hall, 510 Green Bay Road, Winnetka, Illinois, Wednesday, August 12, 2026, at 7:00 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chair Peter Eck called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

Voting Members present: Commissioners Peter Eck, Tim Ring, Stacy Lucier Liz Kunkle, Dave Varca, King Poor, Ben Dietz. Members absent: NONE. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative absent: Kim Handler. Student Representative Present: Scarlett Harper, Louisa Hernandez. Student Representative Absent: None. Park District Liaison absent: Christina Codo. Staff Liaison present: Elyse Steiner.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chair Eck welcomed Louisa back from her semester in Germany and introduced her to the new EFSC commissioners.

2) Public Comment:

None.

3) Review and Approval of Minutes

a) Approval of the July Regular Meeting Minutes

A motion was made by Commissioner Ring, seconded by Commissioner Kunkle to approve the minutes as presented.

AYES: RING, ECK, KUNKLE, LUCIER DIETZ, VARCA, POOR.

NAYS: NONE.

ABSENT: NONE.

4) New Business Updates:

a) Presentation by Louisa Hernandez

Louisa compared lifestyles in Bonn Germany and Winnetka and how the communities prioritize environmental sustainability. In Bonn, the majority of the community has adopted sustainable practices when it comes to recycling, composting, mobility, and protection of open spaces.

b) Presentation by John Lankford: Safe biking and future bike bus

John Lankford bikes 100 miles per week, often with his 3 young children, and is a strong voice for safe biking and pedestrian options in Winnetka with a focus on access, connection, and safety. He wants to understand the past Village mobility analyses/ studies and how streets can be made safer for all forms of transportation as well as plans for Willow Rd.

John and Stacy Lucier will collaborate on getting the Bike Bus rolling for October 7. Elyse will help with village resources. John and Stacy will work on a route and communications to Crow Island families and administration.

c) Solar Power Hour

The event has been scheduled for Saturday September 19 from 1-3 PM at the Winnetka Library. Tim is working with Grace from CUB on the presentation and identifying solar homeowners. Elyse will request Community Development to also be represented. The event will be promoted on social media and in person at the Farmer's Market in the weeks leading up to September 19.

d) King Poor: Leaf blower study recap and Tree Board recap

e) Liz Kunkle: Composting and buckthorn

5) **Communications:**

6) **Commission/Staff Reports:**

In October, Christina Siebert from SWANCC will present on the PUA up for renewal.

7) **Open Forum:**

8) **Adjournment:**

There being no further business, Chair Eck asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Lucier. The motion passed unanimously on a voice vote; the meeting adjourned at 8:40 p.m.