



# Village of Winnetka

## Environmental and Forestry Commission Meeting

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August 10, 2022 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. Approval of the July 13, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 4. New Business / Old Business Updates**
  - a. Scope of EFC Activities
  - b. Sustainable Materials Management
- 5. Communications**
  - a. Approval of September Communication Items
  - b. Discussion of October Communication Items
- 6. Committee/Staff Reports**
- 7. Open Forum**
- 8. Adjournment**

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**WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**  
**July 13, 2022**

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, July 13, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

**Call to Order:**

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m.; Voting Members present: Commissioners Charles Dowding, Rosann Park-Jones, Ted Wynnychenko, and Liz Kunkle. Voting Members absent: David Varca and Patrick Hanley. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative absent: Andrew Cripe. Student Representatives Present: Marcus Buccellato. Student Representatives Absent: Scarlett Harper. Staff Liaison present: Diana Puga, Public Works Analyst. Public present: none.

**1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:**

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:21 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members. Staff Representative Puga took roll call for attendance.

**2) Public Comment:**

No Public Comment.

**3) Review and Approval of Minutes:**

a) Approval of the May Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Wynnychenko made a motion to approve the May 11, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Park-Jones.

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| AYES:   | DOWDING, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCHENKO, KUNKLE |
| ABSENT: | VARCA, HANLEY                            |
| NAYS:   | NONE                                     |

**4) New Business, Old Business/Updates:**

a) 2040 Comprehensive Plan and Sustainability Plan

i) Pillars and Goals: Planning Commission Update

Commissioner Kunkle provided an overview of the joint Village Council and Plan Commission study session from July 12<sup>th</sup>. During the joint study session, Council and the Plan Commission reviewed an outline for what will become the plan. The outline includes vision statements for each pillar, approximately 5 goals per vision statement, and approximately 5 initiatives. Commissioner Kunkle also advised the outline has incorporate components of the EFC's Sustainability draft, GRC2, and Climate Action

Plan (CAP) with varying degrees of explicitness. The Plan Commission expects the EFC to continue working on the Sustainability Plan.

The next Plan Commission meeting will be held on August 21, 2022. A community open house will also be held in the future to allow residents to provide input for the plan.

b) Sustainable Materials Management

Commissioner Kunkle provided an update to the EFC commissioners regarding changes to the Styrofoam collection procedure; the collection station is now housed in the Refuse garage and allows the Village to host the program during inclement weather, such as rain.

Commissioner Kunkle informed the commissioners of the renewal of the contract with Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS) and the expansion of the contract to include two new composting programs. The composting program will be available to both commercial businesses and residents. Commercial businesses will be able to work directly with LRS to acquire composting services that best fit their needs; the residential component will include drop off locations throughout the Village residents can utilize to dispose of their food scraps. The commissioners inquired if LRS provides any of the composting material back to the Village.

c) Public Trust Doctrine

The commissioners reviewed the Public Trust Doctrine. The Public Trust Doctrine states the public may walk on beaches below the water lines but are unable to do anything else and allows access to public land. Commissioner Wynnychenko provided a brief overview of the ICRC v IL lawsuit which nullified the agreement between the City of Chicago and ICRC to provide the ICRC with land they had no legal rights over.

5) Communications:

a) Approval of July Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the July Communication Items which included the Paper Shredding Event, Hosting a Zero-Waste Event, Recycling Tips for Plastic Silverware and Styrofoam, and Stomwater-Friendly Landscaping. The commissioners requested the plastic silverware recycling tip be tabled and Styrofoam be amended to polystyrene. Commissioner Wynnychenko motioned to approve the July Communication Items; Commissioner Park-Jones seconded the motion.

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| AYES:   | DOWDING, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCHENKO, KUNKLE |
| ABSENT: | VARCA, HANLEY                            |
| NAYS:   | NONE                                     |

b) Approval of August Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the August Communication Items which included Recycling Tips for Paper Napkins, Towels, and Tissue, the Pumpkin Composting Event, and Leaf Collection. The Commissioners requested to table the recycling tip. Commissioner Wynnychenko motioned to approve the August Communication Items; Commissioner Kunkle seconded the motion.

AYES: DOWDING, PARK-JONES, WYNNYCHENKO, KUNKLE  
ABSENT: VARCA, HANLEY  
NAYS: NONE

c) Discussion of the September Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the May Communication Items which included Recycling Tips during COVID-19.

6) Commission/Staff Reports:

No reports.

7) Open Forum:

Student Representative Buccellato shared with the Commissioners of a Repair Café. The repair café would consist of individuals meeting at a centralized location and assisting attendees with repairs to their equipment or property, for example, computer repairs.

8) Adjournment:

There being no further business, Chairperson Dowding asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Wynnychenko. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 8:59 pm.

## September 2022 EFC Communications Content

### 1. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip During COVID-19

*E-Winnetka Newsletter*

Recycled materials serve as feedstocks necessary to produce essential supplies including those especially needed during this time such as paper towels, sanitizing wipes, toilet paper, and packaging for a wide range of products including boxes for shipping. Many businesses that would normally generate large amounts of recyclables have limited operations now. Therefore, household recycling is vital to the continued supply of raw materials for U.S. manufacturing sectors.

Now is a great time to focus on waste prevention where possible, and when recycling, keep the materials as clean and dry as possible. Follow the guidelines of your local recycling hauler and only put items in your recycling bin that they accept. If your community is not processing recycling due to the materials recovery facility being closed or another reason, consider dropping materials off at a recycling center, while following Center for Disease Control, state and local public health guidelines. Thank your recycling collectors, haulers, and sorters—they are providing a vital service during this time!

Reducing food waste has been ranked as the #3 solution (on a list of the Top 100) to reduce greenhouse emissions and actually reverse climate change. Composting food waste is #60 on that list. So, working to reduce food waste to begin with, divert all food waste from landfill, and composting what is left, collectively has a significant impact on one's personal carbon footprint.

To avoid wasting food at home, follow these tips:

- Take what you will eat and eat what you take at meal and snack times.
- Plan a menu and make a list so you buy what you need and do not purchase more food than you can eat before it spoils.
- Check what food you already have before you go grocery shopping.
- Get creative and make meals with what you already have.
- Label leftovers with the date when you store them in the fridge so you can keep track of how old they are.

**2. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip: Tips and Reminders During and After COVID-19**

*E-Winnetka Newsletter*

- Keep plastic bags, masks, wipes, and latex gloves out of the recycling bin.
- If someone in your home has COVID-19, treat your recyclables as trash.
- Do not put your recyclables in plastic bags.
- Clean and shake dry recyclables to ensure products get recycled.
- Break down cardboard boxes and put them in the recycling bin whenever possible.
- Put recycling and trash in the appropriate bins, not next to them. Leaving materials next to bins increases risks to sanitation workers and can attract pests.
- If you are fall cleaning, consider setting aside things (batteries, paints, weed killer, plastic bags, clothing, other donations, etc.) to donate, recycle, or dispose of later when it's safe to bring them to a drop off location or collection event. Follow local guidelines.
- Return grass clippings back onto your lawn instead of bagging them.

## October 2022 EFC Communications Content

### 1. 2022 Pumpkin “Smash” Composting Event

*E-Winnetka Newsletter*

The Village of Winnetka is hosting its annual one-day pumpkin collection event on **TBD**. Residents are encouraged to bring pumpkins for the Village to properly dispose of, limiting the amount brought to landfills. The Public Works Department will provide a designated drop off location at the Municipal Yards Facility at 1390 Willow Road from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM on **TBD**. Please remove any solid waste (candles, bags, etc.). Collection of garbage, food scraps or other landscape waste will not be accepted.

Please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568 with any questions.

Please note: residents will NOT actually smash their own pumpkins. This event is part of a regional smash event, for more information, please refer to the following link: [SCARCE PUMPKIN COMPOSTING](#)

### 2. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip: Leaf Collection

*E-Winnetka Newsletter*

The Village’s annual curbside leaf collection program will run from **TBD** until **TBD**. Residents may place out leaves by 7:00 AM on **TBD**. Any resident who places leaves on the parkway after 7:00 AM risks being uncollected. Under this program, residents may rake their leaves to the parkway just inside the edge of the curb for collection by the Village. Please do not place pumpkins or debris other than leaves for collection as it will damage the leaf collecting equipment.

Leaves collected are then hauled to Antioch, IL for composting which the Village then receives back in early spring for residents to use as compost material. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568.