

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.

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 12th. 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 and discussed the Public Trust Doctrine.

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 Stormwater-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.

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 the idea 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.