

WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
May 11, 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, May 11, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.; Voting Members present: Commissioners David Varca, Rosann Park-Jones, Ted Wynnychenko, Liz Kunkle, and Patrick Hanley. Voting Members absent: Chairperson Chuck Dowding. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative absent: Andrew Cripe. Student Representatives absent: Marcus Buccellato and Scarlett Harper. Staff Liaison present: Diana Puga, Public Works Analyst. Public present: none.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Acting Chairperson Hanley called the meeting to order at 7:05 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 March Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Kunkle made a motion to approve the March 9, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Park-Jones.

AYES:	VARCA, PARK-JONES, KUNKLE, HANLEY
ABSENT:	DOWDING, WYNNYCHENKO
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 Plan Commission meetings from January to where they currently are in reviewing the pillars. The Plan Commission has been holding two meetings a month, one meeting being dedicated strictly to Comprehensive Plan discussions.

ii) Recasting existing and additional 2040 Proposed Village Goals into format below

Goal	Objective	Action-Item	Partners	Funding	Time-Frame
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The Commissioners reviewed the existing 2040 Proposed goals and provided recommendations for each on formatting, description, grammar, and language.

b) Sustainable Materials Management

i) National Recycling Strategy

The National Recycling Strategy draft was released in 2020 but at the time only included one page on composting/food scraps. In November 2021, the final plan was released and had fundamentally changed and included two high value items: plastics and food waste.

ii) U.S. Food Loss and Waste Action Plan

Two documents were released, one was specifically in relation to Farmville, the second document, the U.S. Food Loss and Waste Action Plan was co-authored by the same authors of the Farmville document and had general applicability and focuses on five priorities for administration/Congress to consider in relation to food loss and waste. The priorities are infrastructure, expanding incentives to institutionalize food donation, assert US Government's leadership on FLW globally and domestically, educate and activate consumers via behavior change campaigns, and require a national date labeling standard. The initiatives and policy recommendations with each priority are adaptable for municipalities.

c) Public Trust Doctrine

The Public Trust Doctrine was established during Roman times and is essentially a creed that states flowing water and shorelines belonged to all men, not allowing for one individual or body to take ownership. Originally the doctrine was in relation to commerce and navigation but has now expanded to recreation. The idea is that the lakeshores/fronets are there forever and individuals cannot bar others from walking along the shore. There is a concern regarding efforts being taken to limit the accessibility/usability of the lakeshores of non-Lakefront/Lakeshore homeowners.

5) Communications:

a) Approval of April Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the May Communication Items which included the Green Award Recipients, Stormwater Best Management Practices Guide for Residents, Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tips for Breaking Down Boxes and Leaving Lids on Plastic Containers, and Pesticide Alternatives. Commissioner Kunkle

motioned to approve the April Communication Items; Commissioner Wynnychenko seconded the motion.

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

b) Approval of May Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the May Communication Items which included a Coal Tar Sealant reminder, Gas-Powered Leaf Blowers Ban, Removal of Buckthorn and other Invasive Species, Recycling Tips: Containers free of liquid and food residue, plastic bags and film. The Commissioners agreed to approve the May Communication Items in the interest of staying on track. Commissioner Varca motioned to approve the May Communication Items; Commissioner Kunkle seconded the motion.

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

6) Commission/Staff Reports:

No reports.

7) Open Forum:

No reports.

8) Adjournment:

There being no further business, Acting Chairperson Hanley asked for a motion to adjourn which was moved by Commissioner Kunkle and seconded by Commissioner Park-Jones. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 8:54 pm.