

WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
March 9, 2022

A record of a legally convened meeting of the Environmental and Forestry Commission of the Village of Winnetka, which was held virtually via Zoom Wednesday, March 9, 2022, at 7:00 pm.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.; Voting Members present: Chairperson Chuck Dowding, Commissioners David Varca, Ted Wynnnychenko, Liz Kunkle, and Patrick Hanley. Voting Members absent: Commissioners Roseann Park-Jones. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative absent: Kim Mancini. Student Representatives present: Marcus Buccellato. Student Representatives absent: Scarlett Harper. Staff Liaison present: Diana Puga, Public Works Analyst. Public present: one member.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m. and welcomed all Commission members and the public. Staff Representative Puga took roll call for attendance.

2) Public Comment:

Park District Board Commissioner, Colleen Root, announced the Winnetka Park District filed permits for the Centennial Elder Lane Bluff Stabilization and Beach Restoration on February 24, 2022. The application will be made available on the Illinois Department of Natural Resources (IDNR) website when it is released for public comment.

3) Review and Approval of Minutes:

a) Approval of the January Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Wynnnychenko made a motion to approve the January 10, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kunkle.

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

b) Approval of the February Regular Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Hanley made a motion to approve the February 9, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Varca.

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

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

a) Climate Action Plan for the Chicago Region Presentation Update

Commissioner Kunkle announced the Climate Action Plan Resolution was unanimously passed during the February 15, 2022 Village Council Meeting and provided an overview of how the presentation went. Commissioner Kunkle will reach out to the Mayors Metropolitan Caucus to inform them Winnetka has adopted the resolution and will request to be added to the list of communities who have adopted the resolution.

b) 2040 Comprehensive Plan

Commissioner Kunkle provided an overview of the Plan Commission meetings. She informed the Commissioners the Plan Commission began working through the 12 pillars, which have now been reduced to 10 pillars. In January, the Plan Commission reviewed the vision statements for all the pillars. The Plan Commission will be reviewing the pillars from February through May.

During the February meeting they had 3 pillars on the agenda: (1) Community Infrastructure, Services, and Technology which has 12 identified goals, (2) Operational Efficiencies and Regional Coordination which has 4 identified goals, and (3) Sustainability and Climate Action which has 4 identified goals. Unfortunately, the Plan Commission did not have a chance to review the third listed pillar due to the depth of the pillars and associated goals.

The Plan Commission will have two separate meetings in March to continue their discussions of the pillars. The regular meeting will be held on Wednesday, March 23, 2022 and the special meeting to discuss the pillars will be held on Monday, March 21, 2022.

i) Integration Climate Action Plan/CEJA w/ Winnetka Sustainability Chapter

Currently no movement on this item, will re-visit during the April meeting.

ii) Additional Long-Term Goals

Chairperson Dowding reviewed the Comprehensive Plan Vision Pillars Goals and Initiatives Development Working Draft document pulled from the Plan Commission's February meeting. Under the fourth pillar, Sustainability and Climate Action, he added an additional goal for consideration. The Commissioners discussed the need for an additional goal that expands on goal 4. The Commission suggested that the goal identify objectives throughout the plan that a Commission or staff will monitor to ensure success. Commissioner Hanley offered to amend the language of the goal number 5 Chairperson Dowding presented.

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

<u>Goal</u>	<u>Objective</u>	<u>Action-Item</u>	<u>Partners</u>	<u>Funding</u>	<u>Time-Frame</u>
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In the interest of time, the Commissioners agreed to forward all outstanding long-term goals to Staff Liaison Puga; Staff Liaison Puga will forward all long-term goals to the Commissioners for review prior to posting the agenda to allow more time to review and prepare feedback and improve efficiency.

c) Mayors Monarch Pledge

Staff liaison Puga has updated the Mayors Monarch Butterfly proclamation which will be included alongside the Arbor Day and Earth Day proclamations to be reviewed during the April 19, 2022, Village Council Meeting.

Staff Liaison Puga will confirm with the Village Manager's Office who submitted the Mayors Monarch Pledge in 2021 and will inform Chairperson Dowding.

d) Sustainable Materials Management

No report or discussion

e) Senate Resolution 0706 (SR0706) – National Composting Week

The resolution will be re-introduced.

f) EFC Green Award Applications

Staff Liaison Puga reviewed the two applications received: Hadley and Winnetka Public Works Department.

Hadley applied for their recent landscaping renovation under the following categories: Land, Leadership, and Water/Stormwater. In 2021, they redesigned their gardens to add sensory elements, have crushed granite walkways that both lead visitors through the space and guides rainwater away from the building. The garden was also designed to replicate regions of Illinois with native species.

The Winnetka Public Works department applied for their recent LED lighting project under the following categories: Energy and Municipal Operations. The Public Works Department recently replaced 149 Compact Fluorescent Lightbulb (CFL) fixtures to LED fixtures reducing the overall wattage in the building by 14, 715 watts.

After a brief discussion, the Commissioners agreed to recognize and award the Green Award to both applicants. Commissioner Varca so moved and Commissioner Hanley seconded.

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

5) Communications:

a) Approval of April Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the April Communication Items which included Composting at the Village, the Phosphorous Ordinance, and Earth and Arbor Day. Commissioner Wynnychenko also suggested including the Pesticide Alternatives communication in April.

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

b) Discussion of May 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.

6) Commission/Staff Reports:

Staff Liaison Puga provided the Commissioners with a schedule for deadlines to streamline the agenda process.

7) Open Forum:

Chairperson Dowding announced Representative Jan Schakowsky will be at the Winnetka Congregational Church on March 22, 2022 at 6:30 PM to discuss plastics and other environmental matters.

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 8:51 pm.