



Village of Winnetka

Environmental and Forestry Commission Meeting

September 21, 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 Aug 10, 2022 Regular Meeting Minutes
- 4. New Business / Old Business Updates**
 - a. Sustainable Materials Management
 - b. Revisit Scope of EFC Activities
- 5. Communications**
 - a. Approval of October Communication Items
 - b. Discussion of November Communication Items
- 6. Committee/Staff Reports**
- 7. Open Forum**
- 8. Adjournment**

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WINNETKA ENVIRONMENTAL AND FORESTRY COMMISSION
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
August 10, 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, August 10, 2022, at 7:04 p.m.

Call to Order:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.; Voting Members present: Commissioners Charles Dowding, David Varca, Ted Wynnychenko, Liz Kunkle, and Patrick Hanley. Voting Members absent: Rosann Park-Jones. A quorum of presently appointed members was present. Village Council Representative absent: Andrew Cripe. Student Representatives Present: Scarlett Harper. Student Representatives Absent: Marcus Buccellato. Staff Liaison present: Diana Puga, Public Works Analyst. Public present: none.

1) Introduction & Chair's Remarks:

Chairperson Dowding called the meeting to order at 7:00 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 Hanley made a motion to approve the July 13, 2022, minutes. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Kunkle.

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

4) New Business, Old Business/Updates:

a) Scope of EFC Activities

- i) The Commissioners reviewed and discussed progress status for various projects and initiatives started by the EFC. Some of the projects and initiatives discussed were the IMEA rebate, Pay-to-throw Refuse program, the Pollinator Garden, Materials Management Guide Sheets, the creation of a Mission and Vision statement, and more. The Commissioners will continue to review these projects and initiatives for progress updates.

The Commissioners also discussed splitting the meetings into three parts to improve efficiency and productivity of the meetings.

b) Sustainable Materials Management

Commissioner Kunkle requested an update on communications for the upcoming roll-out of the residential composting program. Staff Liaison Puga advised she would ask the Assistant Public Works Director, Erik Jensen, to provide an update.

5) Communications:

a) Approval of September Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the September Communication Items which included Recycling Tips during COVID-19. Commissioner Kunkle suggested the communication items include resources for recycling from Lakeshore Recycling Services. Commissioner Kunkle ~~made a motion~~ moved to table the approval of the September Communication Items; Commissioner Wynnichenko seconded the motion.

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

b) Discussion of the October Communication Items

The Commissioners reviewed the October Communication Items which included Pumpkin Composting and Leaf Collection.

6) Commission/Staff Reports:

Student Representative Harper reported House Bill 3118 (HB3118) regarding Pyrethroid Pesticides was officially passed and will be effective January 1, 2023.

7) Open Forum:

No reports.

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 Hanley. The motion passed; the meeting adjourned at 9:00 p.m.

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 Wednesday, November 2, 2022. 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 Wednesday, November 2, 2022. 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. Leaf Collection

E-Winnetka Newsletter

The Village’s annual curbside leaf collection program will begin on October 17th and will run through November 25th. Residents may place out leaves by 7:00 AM on October 17th. 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.

November 2022 EFC Communications Content

1. **Holiday Lights Recycling**

E-Winnetka Newsletter

As the holiday season approaches, a reminder that residents may bring holiday lights and other wires to the Public Works Yards for recycling year-round. Drop off times are during normal business hours, Monday through Friday, 7:30 am through 4:00 pm. For more information, please contact the Public Works Department at 847-716-3568.

2. **America Recycles Day is November 15, 2021**

E-Winnetka Newsletter

This year, America Recycles Day is Tuesday, November 15, 2021. America Recycles Day is a nationally-recognized day that is dedicated to promoting and celebrating recycling in the United States by promoting environmental citizenship and taking action to increase and improve recycling. For more information and to learn about taking the pledge, please visit <https://americarecyclesday.org/>.

3. **Battery Recycling**

E-Winnetka Newsletter

About Alkaline Batteries:

According to the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency, single-use, non-rechargeable alkaline batteries AAA, AA, C, D 6v & 9v are classified as "non-hazardous" and may be safely disposed of with normal household waste.

About Rechargeable Batteries:

Rechargeable batteries Nickel Cadmium (NiCd), Nickel Metal Hydride (NiMh), Lithium, Zinc-Air, Silver-oxide, and Small Sealed Lead Acid contain mercury and other heavy metals and should be recycled. There are many retail stores (Ace Hardware, Best Buy, IKEA, Lowe's, Staples, Target, etc.) that accept rechargeable batteries. Call retail stores to confirm acceptable batteries. To avoid the risk of cross-contact of battery terminals, which can cause a spark and create a fire, place a piece of tape over each terminal or contact point.

About Lead Acid Batteries:

Lead acid batteries (automotive, marine, and sump pump) are prohibited by Illinois state law from being disposed of in the trash. Gas stations, auto parts stores, and other retail stores provide outlets for disposing of these batteries.

Why do the contact points of rechargeable batteries need to be taped?

The contact points of each rechargeable battery should be covered with masking tape before being taken to a drop-off location. It is important that the end points on batteries do not touch each other during collection or transportation because contact can cause a spark and ignite a fire.

For a list of retailers who recycle rechargeable and lead acid batteries visit SWANCC's **Battery Recycling** web page.

4. Plastic Bag, Film and Wrap Recycling

E-Winnetka Newsletter

A reminder that plastic bags, film, and wrap are not included in the Village's curbside recycling program offered by Lakeshore Recycling Systems. Plastic film – also known as plastic film packaging – is soft, flexible polyethylene (PE) packaging such as grocery, food, zip-top, and dry cleaning bags. It is also the clear plastic that comes wrapped around many paper products. Bags and film wrap are considered “contamination” at facilities where recyclables are processed, because they get tangled in the equipment. Clean and dry plastic bags, film, wrap can be recycled at many grocery and retail stores. Be sure to completely empty the bags, film, and wrap of all food and liquid waste before taking them to your nearest participating store. A list of plastics that may be recycled at most stores is below:

- Grocery bags
- Bread bags
- Case overwrap (e.g. water, soda and juice bottles)
- Dry cleaning bags
- Newspaper sleeves
- Ice bags
- Wood pellet bags
- Ziplock/reclosable bags
- Produce bags
- Bubble wrap
- Salt bags
- Cereal bags

5. Environmental and Forestry Commission Recycling Tip: Textile Recycling

Before getting rid of your old clothes, consider recycling or donating them to a textile recycling organization in the area. Check with your local community organizations, church, shelter, hospital, schools or libraries for available programs. Some of these organizations that offer textile recycling programs include: Christ Church of Winnetka, Winnetka Thrift Shop, Amvets, Goodwill Industries, Avenues to Independence, Winnetka Congregational Church, Salvation Army, Chicago Textile Recycling and USAgain.

6. Environmental and Forestry Commission Tip: Use of Natural Light During Winter

Many of us crave more sunlight during winter's doldrums. Here are some ideas to let more light into a home and make the most of what meager sunshine is available during a midwest winter.

Try cleaning or power-washing your windows to remove summer pollen and other buildup, which allows much more light to come in. Make sure your window coverings aren't sabotaging your efforts to capture more of the sun's rays. If you have drapes, hang them high to the ceiling and wide enough that they only cover the window trim, and not the actual window itself. Use the same outside-mount approach with Roman shades, installing them high enough so that the bottom of the shade, when raised, covers the trim but not much of the actual window, which tricks the eye into thinking the window is taller than it actually is.

Clearing obstructions works on both sides of the glass. Trimming shrubs or low branches outside south-facing windows can immediately let more precious winter sunbeams into your home. But you can also plant and prune with a longer-term plan in mind. The trees that surround your house should not only play their part in the landscape, but in the environmental conditions of your house. For instance, on the south side of your house in the midwest, views notwithstanding, you should have deciduous trees that provide shade in the summer and when they lose their leaves allow light and warmth in the winter.