



AGENDA  
Environmental Commission  
Community Room  
Arlington Heights Village Hall, 33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005  
May 29, 2025  
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
  - A. April 22, 2025 Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
  - A. Education on how to recycle
  - B. Tracking metrics to be published on VAH website
  - C. Benchmark Single-Use plastics (include review of proposed state regulation)
  - D. Livestream event w/ theme with interviews with: Groot, Local Farmers, local govt official, add AH- specific info
  - E. Frontier Days & Farmer's Market education
  - F. Reduce Paper to Landfill
  - G. Increase participation in Curbside Composting
- V. OLD BUSINESS
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
- VII. OTHER BUSINESS
- VIII. PUBLIC COMMENT

Anyone wishing to speak on a subject not on the Agenda may speak at this time. Please limit your comments to three minutes.

- IX. ADJOURNMENT

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**Village of Arlington Heights  
Environmental Commission  
Minutes from April 22, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present**

Chair Jordan  
Commissioner Eisenhardt  
Commissioner Skrudland  
Commissioner Flores  
Commissioner Jaeschke  
Commissioner Porwit  
Commissioner Sawyer

**Not Present**

Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara

**Also Present**

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Eisenhardt moved to approve the minutes of the March 18, 2025, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Reports**

**Old Business**

**A. Commission Goals**

Chair Jordan reminded the Commissioners of the goals discussed at the previous meeting and asked for updates or possible timelines.

- A. Education on how to recycle, using QR code (OSCAR) on bins-  
Commissioner Eisenhardt said the OSCAR system for helping the public sort recycling may not be possible in the Village yet. Instead, she had found a can recycling system called RESIN, that tracked recycling with a QR code and provided donations to charities based on use at their drop off site. The Commissioners thought that a church or other institutional parking lot would be a good spot for such a drop off container.
- B. Tracking metrics to be published on VAH website-  
Commissioner Porwit shared a timeline he had developed for the metrics to be published. After deciding which metrics to track, he hoped to have a draft ready for the Commission in August and the tracking on the website by December.
- C. Benchmark Single-Use plastics-  
Commissioner Porwit also had a timeline for this goal. The plan was to research possible programs to reduce plastic use and a draft proposal for review in August with a presentation to the Village Board in the fall. He would be speaking with other communities to develop the proposal.

- D. Livestream event-Phil, Damian  
Commissioner Flores said he hoped to have a Village Trustee, the farmers market manager and a representative from Groot for the livestream event. He hoped to have the event by the 3<sup>rd</sup> quarter of this year. One of the topics for discussion would be a plastic- free week where residents could go without or reduce single-use plastic use. Commissioner Flores hoped to have a date by summer to promote on the livestream. Chair Jordan said plastic-free week promotion would need approval from the Mayor.
- E. Public Event Education-  
Commissioner Porwit had spoken to the manager of the farmers market regarding handing out educational materials. The information table won't be at the market this year, but the Commission was offered to act as greeters or have an activity at the kids table. Commissioners agreed that they should alternate weeks at the market and promote their goal items.
- F. Reduce Paper to Landfill-  
Commissioner Jaeschke circulated a proposal for having paper drop off locations to increase quality and quantity of paper recycling He also said that better education was needed so residents know how to dispose of hard to recycle items and hazardous waste, along with more frequent special collection events.
- G. Increase participation in Curbside Composting-  
Chair Jordan mentioned using the social media livestream event to promote curbside and backyard composting. She mentioned that the Village and Commission would need to create their own materials because Groot didn't have any. Commissioner Skrudland said educational materials could also be distributed during parades. There was a discussion about QR code applying stickers to the Groot toter carts so residents could understand which cart to put items in during source separation at home

The Chair asked everyone to come back to the next meeting with this list of ideas narrowed down to a few actions, reminding the Commissioners that the sustainability metrics and reducing single-use plastics had already been reviewed positively by the Mayor. She also requested a possible timeline for the educational tables at the farmers market, a parade appearance and livestream event.

## **VI. New Business**

## **VII. Other Business**

Commissioner Flores said that name badges for Commission members were being created. All members present agreed they wanted a badge.

The liaison reminded the group of the document destruction and textile recycling event on April 26.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

**With no further business to discuss a motion was made by Commissioner Sawyer to adjourn. Commissioner Skrudland seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.**

The meeting was adjourned at 8:15 p.m.