

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from May 29, 2025**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair Jordan
Commissioner Porwit
Commissioner Flores
Commissioner Eisenhardt
Commissioner Skrudland
Youth Commissioner Gil-Lara

Not Present

Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Jaeschke

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Skrudland moved to approve the minutes of the April 22, 2025, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Eisenhardt seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

IV. Old Business

A. Commission Goals

Chair Jordan asked for updates on the Commission projects previously discussed.

- A. Education on how to recycle, using QR code (OSCAR) on bins-
Commissioner Eisenhardt said she had contacted a local church regarding the recycling drop-off system (RESIN) and was waiting for a call back. She was also contacting schools and proposed a listing of green programs and organizations in the area to increase collaboration of efforts.
- B. Tracking metrics to be published on VAH website-
Commissioner Porwit reported he and Chair Jordan met with Kailey Schwarzhoff, the Village's Communication Specialist, and learned the requirements for publishing items on the Village website. He had spoken to the Sustainability Coordinator in Naperville for ideas on which metrics to publish and agreed to forward a list of possible metrics to the liaison for research.
- C. Benchmark Single-Use plastics-
Commissioner Porwit had updated the benchmarking the Commission had completed in 2023 and had also begun contacting neighboring communities to see which had a program to reduce single use plastics.
- D. Livestream event

Commissioner Flores said the event was going to take place on Thursday, September 18th with the working title "Greener Living in Arlington Heights". He had the Hendricks Room reserved at the library so attendance could be in the livestream or at the event itself. Chair Jordan suggested a give-away or raffle could increase attendance and Commissioner Eisenhardt proposed allowing community groups to have informational table at the event.

E. Public Event Education-

Commissioner Porwit had several possible days for the Commissioners to work as greeters at the farmers market. After discussion, Commissioners Jordan, Skrudland and Porwit agreed to work the early shift on September 6th and Commissioners Eisenhardt and Porwit agreed on the early shift on August 23rd.

F. Reduce Paper to Landfill-

Commissioner Jaeschke was not present, so no update was available.

G. Increase participation in Curbside Composting-

Commissioner Skrudland exhibited flyers she had created with information on the Village food scrap recycling option. The Commissioners were going to be present at the farmers market on July 12 and give out information on composting programs. Also at that event, she and Chair Jordan were going to work the kid's table with examples of food scrap carts and finished compost.

VI. New Business

VII. Other Business

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on June 17.

VIII. Adjournment

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

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