

**Village of Arlington Heights  
Environmental Commission  
Minutes from July 15, 2025**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present**

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

**Not Present**

Commissioner Sawyer

**Also Present**

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison  
Village Trustee Mananaro  
Village Trustee Zyck

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Skrudland moved to approve the minutes of the June 17, 2025, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Porwit seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.**

**III. Reports**

**IV. Old Business**

A. Invitations to New Village Board Members to Engage with Commission

Chair Jordan introduced the Village Trustees present and thanked them for attending the meeting. She then read the Commission mission statement and began a mid-year review of Commission goals. They were summarized as:

- educational events (farmers market appearances and livestream event)
- communication tools (for correct recycling and curbside composting)
- special topics (single-use plastic reduction and publishing environmental metrics)

Chair Jordan asked for updates on these Commission projects.

B. Education on how to recycle-

Commissioner Eisenhardt explained that need for education on how to properly recycle and mentioned using 3<sup>rd</sup> parties for help. She also mentioned the use of private drop-off sites for some items and a plastic bag program for residential use on hard to recycle items.

C. Tracking metrics to be published on VAH website-

Commissioner Porwit reported progress in having metrics posted on the Village website by having found data for 11 different topics. He is working on the graphic layout.

- D. Benchmark Single-Use plastics-  
Commissioner Porwit had spoken with representatives of local communities with single-use plastic reduction programs. He is preparing a report for the Village Board on this topic.
- E. Livestream event  
Commissioner Flores said his event was going to have to be postponed because the room at the library was under renovation. He described the planned event, and was looking at other possible locations.
- F. Public Event Education-  
Commissioner Porwit reminded the Commissioners were scheduled to work as greeters at the farmers market on September 6<sup>th</sup> on August 23<sup>rd</sup>. There was a discussion on having the re-use event discussed in June at a larger venue than the farmers market.
- G. Increase participation in Curbside Composting-  
Commissioner Skrudland and Chair Jordan described their composting education event at the farmers market the previous weekend and shared photos. The children enjoyed peeling oranges while learning about composting. It was well attended by children and their parents and several residents expressed an interest in signing up for the curbside option.

Trustees Managaro and Zyck thanked the commissioners for their presentations and their work. They then asked what the Village Board could do to help? Commissioner Eisenhardt responded to use the Commission as a resource and for research. The Chair said she wanted to know if the Mayor planned to change the mission of the Commission. The Trustees informed the Commission that sustainability was one of the Board's priorities for the next 2 years.

## **V. New Business**

## **VII. Other Business**

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on August 12.

The liaison shared that the recycle coach app was now active on the Village website. Commissioner Eisenhardt said she had used it, but it still needed some refinement.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.