

**Village of Arlington Heights
Environmental Commission
Minutes from October 21, 2025**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair Jordan
Commissioner Porwit
Commissioner Jaeschke
Commissioner Skrudland
Commissioner Eisenhardt

Commissioner Sawyer
Youth Commissioner Butler

Not Present

Commissioner Flores

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

Charles Wilk, Village Resident

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Eisenhardt moved to approve the minutes of the September 16, 2025, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Porwit seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

III. Reports

IV. Old Business

Chair Jordan asked for updates on the Commission projects.

- A. Education on how to recycle-
Commissioner Eisenhardt shared she had obtained contact information for member of local churches' environmental committees with the goal of creating a mailing list. She also provided the committee at Southminster Presbyterian a contact with the RESIN recycling drop-off system. She then inquired about ways to promote the new recycle coach app on recycling collection. Chair Jordan suggested the Village do promote through a social media blast and flyers at the library, senior center and park district facilities. Commissioner Eisenhardt agreed to share the social media posts to neighborhood Facebook groups and Nextdoor. She also proposed inviting Village departments to future meetings to discuss their green programs, and suggested the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Committee should be invited to speak at a February meeting.
- B. Tracking metrics to be published on VAH website-
Commissioner Porwit reported that he had submitted the solid waste collection statistics to the Communication Manager for posting to the Village website and was waiting on a test posting.
- C. Benchmark Single-Use plastics-
Chair Jordan had shared the report approved in September had been forwarded to the Village Board and would be discussed at an upcoming meeting. The Liaison would notify the Commission when the meeting was scheduled. Chair Jordan

asked the Liaison to inquire whether the Commission would present the report or just attend the meeting for any questions.

D. Livestream event

Chair Jordan reminded the group that the event was scheduled for July in conjunction with the library.

E. Public Event Education-

Commissioner Porwit spoke about the Commission's work as greeters at the farmers market over the summer. Over 200 reusable shopping bags had been distributed, which had been so popular that the market was researching creating their own bags. Commissioner Jaeschke said residents should have several bags so a supply could be kept in their cars.

F. Increase participation in Curbside Composting-

Commissioner Skrudland explained the educational program the Commission had given at the farmers market. Chair Jordan said the number of households using the Groot curbside food scrap collection should be determined at the end of the year to measure any increase in participants.

V. New Business

The Commission welcomed Youth Commissioner Butler to the group, followed by the Youth Commissioner introducing herself and her background.

Chair Jordan had asked Youth Commissioner Butler to create a design for new reusable shopping bags. The Youth Commissioner said a prototype should be ready by the next meeting.

VII. Other Business

Commissioners Eisenhardt and Skrudland talked about the Village Board meetings they had watched recently. The Chair said the sign-up list for watching the meetings was full for the rest of the year.

The Liaison shared that the latex paint collection events in 2025 had recycled 3,718 gallons of paint.

Mr. Wilk said the Village Board should ask new businesses and developments about their sustainability programs before Board approval for projects.

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on November 25th.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:07 p.m.