



AGENDA
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
January 27, 2026
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
- II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
- III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. December 12th, 2025 Minutes
- IV. REPORTS
- V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Education on how to recycle
 - B. Tracking metrics to be published on VAH website
 - C. Livestream event
 - D. Increase participation in Curbside Composting
 - E. Finalize Commission 2026 Goals
- VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - A. Village Sustainability Plan
 - B. Textile Recycling
- 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 December 16, 2025**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair Jordan
Commissioner Porwit
Commissioner Jaeschke
Commissioner Skrudland
Commissioner Flores

Commissioner Sawyer
Youth Commissioner Butler
Commissioner Eisenhardt

Not Present

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

Charles Wilk, Village Resident

III. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Flores moved to approve the minutes of the November 25, 2025, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Sawyer seconded the Motion. The Motion passed unanimously.

IV. Reports

V. Old Business

Chair Jordan asked for updates on the Commission projects.

- A. Education on how to recycle-
Commissioner Eisenhardt spoke to members of the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Committee and invited them to attend the February Commission meeting to talk about their successes and how to work together. She also requested a social media posting reminding residents of the Recycle Coach app.
- B. Tracking metrics to be published on VAH website-
Commissioner Porwit reported that he was waiting for the solid waste data to be test posted to the Village website.
- C. Benchmark Single-Use plastics-
The Commission was waiting for the Village Board to discuss the report on single-use plastic bags.
- D. Livestream event
Commissioner Flores told the other Commissioners he had been contacted by the Library staff. The event is planned for July and we are waiting on final instructions.
- E. Increasing Curbside Composting-
The Commission agreed to continue educational events in the coming year.

F. Reports on Village Board Meetings-

Commissioner Sawyer said he watched the December 1st meeting and there were no environmental topics discussed. No environmental topics were discussed at the December 15th meeting that Commissioner Porwit had watched.

G. 2026 Goals

The Chair invited the Commissioners to discuss goals for 2026. After discussion of possible topics and pros and cons of each, a list was presented and a Commissioner to be the lead researcher on each.

- Continuing landfill diversion and recycling education (Commissioner Eisenhardt)
- Voluntary program to reduce plasticware in foodservice including straws and black plastic take-out containers (Commissioner Porwit)
- Elimination of polystyrene foam in foodservice (Commissioner Porwit)
- Continuing education on curbside composting (Commissioner Skrudland)
- Environmental education at Frontier Days (Commissioner Sawyer)
- Requiring sustainability components for new projects and developments (Commissioner Skrudland)
- Benchmark neighboring communities' natural landscaping projects (Chair Jordan).
- Requiring sustainability efforts for new businesses (Commissioner Flores)
- Expanded alternative energy projects such as expanded electric vehicle charging and use of solar lighting (no one assigned)

The Chair said these topics could be prioritized based on the upcoming Village sustainability plan's priorities. She asked the Commissioners to write a paragraph explaining each topic and why it is needed, and then she would forward the goals to the Village Manager for approval.

VI. New Business

Commissioner Flores showed the Commission the research he had completed on re-usable shopping bags and pricing. The prices had recently increased significantly, which reduced the number of bags the Commission could buy. The group agreed on a bag style to purchase, with the logo created by Youth Commissioner Butler. Commissioner Flores agreed to try and have the bags finished before the end of the year.

VII. Other Business

The Commissioners agreed to meet again on January 27 and February 24.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:22 p.m.



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Item: Village Sustainability Plan
Department: Health & Human Services

Item Description:

ATTACHMENTS:

None



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