



AGENDA  
Environmental Commission  
Commissions Room  
Arlington Heights Village Hall  
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005  
April 21, 2026  
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
  - II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
  - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
    - A. February 24th, 2026 Minutes
  - IV. REPORTS
  - V. OLD BUSINESS
    - A. Review of 2026 Goals and Updates from Goal Champions
      - i. Landfill Diversion Education & Communication — Luanne Eisendhardt
      - ii. Publication of VAH Sustainability — Mark Porwit
      - iii. Livestream Event with AH Memorial Library — "Greener Living in Arlington Heights" — Phil Flores
      - iv. Curbside Composting Awareness — Susan Skurdland
      - v. Develop Recognition Program for Sustainable Businesses — Theresa Jordan
    - B. Review Special Topics
      - 1. Textile Recycling — Benchmark programs in surrounding communities
      - 2. Polystyrene Foam Ordinance — Benchmark Ordinances in surrounding communities
  - VI. NEW BUSINESS
    - A. Preparation for Committee of the Whole Meeting
  - 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 February 24, 2026**

**I. Call to Order**

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:01 p.m.

**II. Roll Call**

**Present**

Chair Jordan  
Commissioner Porwit  
Commissioner Eisenhardt  
Commissioner Skrudland  
Commissioner Flores  
  
Youth Commissioner Butler

**Not Present**

Commissioner Sawyer

**Also Present**

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison

Charles Wilk, Village Resident

**II. Approval of Minutes**

**Commissioner Skrudland moved to approve the minutes of the January 27, 2026, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Eisenhardt 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 posted the Recycle Coach app to several social media groups.
- B. Livestream event  
Commissioner Flores told the other Commissioners the event is now scheduled for late in the year. The Library agreed to pay for the majority of the cost through donations. It would consist of short interviews with many local environmental organizations. He asked for groups to invite, the other Commissioners provided many possibilities. He also stated that he would be resigning from the Commission after the livestream event.
- C. Reduction of Polystyrene  
Commissioner Porwit found local bans on polystyrene foam food containers in Oak Park and River Forest. Illinois bans purchasing of polystyrene foam in State agencies and there was a bill proposed to ban it statewide- SB1531.
- D. Recognition Program for Sustainable Businesses  
Chair Jordan said she would begin working on this topic.

The Chair asked all Commissioners to prepare a short summary of these programs for the presentation to new Trustees next month and agreed to ask the Village Manager if the Commission could begin work on polystyrene foam elimination and textile recycling.

## **V. New Business**

The Chair shared a compilation of comments from the Commissioners on the Village Sustainability Plan. After discussion, there were no changes made to the document and it was agreed to forward it to the Planning Department.

Commissioner Eisenhardt introduced Jeff Weiss of the Buffalo Grove Environmental Action Team and invited him to speak about their work. Mr. Weiss began with his experience and education, then said he and his wife had been Buffalo Grove Park District Board members. The Action Team currently had 50-60 active members and was affiliated with the Park District. They hold recycling and document destruction drop-off events, sometimes in conjunction with the farmers market with other vendors and exhibits for environmental programs. Their events include Earth Day, National Night Out and an adopt-a-highway program. They also maintain a native shrub and tree arboretum and collect native plant seeds every year to donate to the Village and Park District.

The Action Team works with the Village of Buffalo Grove's Sustainability Coordinator and are currently advocating for year-round food scrap collection and green electrical energy aggregation. The group acts as an advisory panel for the Village and Park District, but has spun off the Buffalo Grove Waste Warriors and Land and Water Protectors for more hands-on efforts. The team works alongside other organizations such as the Rotary, Lions, Sierra Club, Garden Club, Solid Waste Agencies of Lake County and Northern Cook County and Historical Society.

Commissioner Eisenhardt asked where the Team gets its funding? Mr. Weiss replied most was from the Park District, but they were generating revenue from textile recycling drop-off containers and receive some grant money. Commissioner Flores asked what opportunities there were for collaboration with Arlington Heights? Mr. Weiss responded that potential projects include a native landscaping project at the Maryville Academy location in Arlington Heights, Mill Creek park and Lake Arlington pollution mitigation and Buffalo Creek sedimentation prevention. He also suggested working with the Arlington Heights Rotary. The Commissioners thanked him for his time and the information.

## **VII. Other Business**

Chair Jordan informed the Commissioners that the proposal for a single-use bag ban was going to be discussed at an upcoming Committee of the Whole meeting and the Commission had been asked to make a short presentation. The Commissioners agreed that a meeting on March 30<sup>th</sup> would be best and that 15 minutes would be enough for their presentation.

The Chair reminded the Commission that new Trustees were being invited to the next Commission meeting. The Commissioners agreed to meet again on March 16<sup>th</sup>.

## **VIII. Adjournment**

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:44 p.m.



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**Environmental Commission**  
**4/21/2026**

**Item:** Preparation for Committee of the Whole Meeting  
**Department:** Health & Human Services

**Item Description:**

**ATTACHMENTS:**

None