



AGENDA
Environmental Commission
Buechner Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
May 6, 2026
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
 - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. April 21st, 2026 Minutes
 - IV. REPORTS
 - V. OLD BUSINESS
 - A. Review of 2026 Goals and Updates from Goal Champions
 - i. Landfill Diversion Education & Communication — Luanne Eisenhardt
 - ii. Publication of VAH Sustainability Metrics — Mark Porwit
 - iii. Livestream Event with AH Memorial Library — "Greener Living in Arlington Heights" — Phil Flores
 - iv. Curbside Composting Awareness — Susan Skrudland
 - 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 Ordinance 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 April 21, 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

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 February 24, 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. Landfill diversion-

Commissioner Eisenhardt developed steps and a timeline for the year that include social media posts and educational materials on proper recycling, special event attendance, collecting resident questions to be answered on the Village website, and working with Groot to update and clarify the recycling instructions. The Chair said that the other Commissioners or Village Staff may be able to assist in these efforts.

B. Livestream event

Commissioner Flores informed the other Commissioners that the event is scheduled for September 12 from 1-3pm. He and Youth Commissioner Butler have met with three people from the Library and started to finalize the structure of the event. They have also compiled a list of organizations and groups to invite. The event will be live, but an edited version will be available on the Village and Library websites.

C. Publication of Sustainability Metrics

Commissioner Porwit stated that the metrics are ready to be published but are waiting on Village Staff. He asked whether this initiative is supported by staff or if the idea should be stopped. The Liaison said he would contact his supervisor regarding the issue, and the Chair agreed to contact the Village Manager.

D. Curbside Composting Awareness

Commissioner Skrudland said the objectives of this goal have not changed. She is planning on having educational exhibits at the farmers market in June, will

promote the program in the livestream event, and hopes to have a short survey for residents to discover barriers to participation in curbside composting.

E. Recognition Program for Sustainable Businesses

Chair Jordan said she is planning on meeting with the Chamber of Commerce in June to discuss the program. She aims to have a benchmark of local community programs by September and provide a recommendation for a program by October. She would like the program to include more than just restaurants, and requested input on whether it should be a Chamber or Village award.

V. New Business

A. Polystyrene Foam Ordinance

Commissioner Porwit will be working on benchmarking local ordinances.

B. Textile Recycling

This topic is waiting for a Commissioner to investigate.

VII. Other Business

Chair Jordan reminded the Commissioners that the proposal for a single-use bag ban will be discussed at the May 11 Committee of the Whole meeting. There was a discussion on what the Commission's presentation should include. The Chair agreed to send a draft of the presentation to the group, and the Commission agreed to meet again on May 6th to discuss and prepare for the meeting.

Commissioner Porwit mentioned that the Commission has been invited to participate in the Memorial Day parade.

Commissioner Flores agreed to contact the high schools' environmental clubs regarding a possible new Youth Commissioner.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:17 p.m.



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

Item Description:

ATTACHMENTS:

None