



AGENDA
Environmental Commission
Commissions Room
Arlington Heights Village Hall
33 S. Arlington Heights Rd., AH 60005
September 15, 2026
7:00 PM

- I. CALL TO ORDER
 - II. ROLL CALL OF MEMBERS
 - III. APPROVAL OF MINUTES
 - A. August 19th, 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"
 - iv. Curbside Composting Awareness—Susan Skrudland
 - v. Develop Recognition Program for Sustainable Businesses—Theresa Jordan
 - vi. Textile Recycling — Benchmark programs in surrounding communities
 - vii. Polystyrene foam ordinance — Benchmark Ordinances in surrounding communities
 - VI. NEW BUSINESS
 - 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 August 19, 2026**

I. Call to Order

Chair Jordan called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

Present

Chair Jordan
Commissioner Wilk
Commissioner Sawyer
Commissioner Skrudland
Commissioner Flores

Commissioner Porwit
Commissioner Eisenhardt
Youth Commissioner Finn

Not Present

Also Present

Jeff Bohner, Staff Liaison
Kit Diviesti, Village Resident

II. Approval of Minutes

Commissioner Sawyer moved to approve the minutes of the June 16, 2026, Environmental Commission meeting. Commissioner Skrudland 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 said she had been posting information and updates on recycling and collection updates to local social media pages.

B. Livestream event

Commissioner Flores stated the event is currently scheduled for September 12 from 1-3pm, will consist of a panel discussion with representatives of the Village, followed by an interview portion with someone from the Solid Waste Agency of Northern Cook County, local State representatives, a Senator and the Sierra Club. All of these agencies will also have informational booths. There has been difficulty in getting the event livestreamed, but it will be recorded.

Chair Jordan and Commissioner Porwit agreed to be at the farmers market that morning to let patrons know about the event. Commissioners Sawyer and Wilk said they could help at the event that afternoon.

C. Publication of Sustainability Metrics

Commissioner Porwit was waiting to add the metrics to the Village website. He agreed to contact the Village outreach manager again to move forward.

D. Curbside Composting Awareness

Commissioner Skrudland said she had used the survey she created for a couple of weeks at the farmers market. She was creating a QR code to post in the market journal and Village sites.

E. Recognition Program for Sustainable Businesses

Chair Jordan attended a meeting with the Village's Director of Health Services and Economic Development Manager to discuss a possible program. She had compiled a list of similar programs in neighboring communities and would be presenting it at another meeting in September.

F. Textile Recycling

Chair Jordan thanked Commissioner Wilk for his report from the previous meeting and asked him to put the information into a template she had for submittal to the staff.

G. Polystyrene Reduction

The Chair also thanked Youth Commissioner Finn for her report on polystyrene and asked her to place the data into the same template as mentioned earlier.

V. New Business

A. Farmer's Market event

Chair Jordan asked for volunteers to staff a table at the farmers market L'il Sprouts corner for a recycling and composting educational program. Commissioners Skrudland and Eisenhardt agreed to join the Chair on October 3rd at the market.

B. Battery Recycling

The Chair spoke about the State landfill ban on batteries. There was a discussion on battery fires. Commissioners were asked to think of ideas on how to publicize proper battery disposal for the next meeting.

VII. Other Business

The liaison mentioned a tour of the Groot MRF was scheduled for October 8 at 11 am. Five commissioner members expressed an interest in attending.

Ms. Diviesti spoke to the Commission about landscaping and gardening chemicals. She noted that neighboring communities had committed to reducing their use due to health and environmental concerns and wanted the Village to do the same. She thought the Commission would be the place to start a push for fewer chemicals. Commissioner Porwit mentioned that pesticide and herbicide use reduction was a goal in the Village Sustainability Plan.

VIII. Adjournment

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

The meeting was adjourned at 8:13 p.m.