



**Village of Lincolnwood
Special Meeting of the Environmental Commission
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Wednesday January 7, 2026
7:00 P.M.**

- 1. Call to Order**
- 2. Roll Call**
- 3. Approval of the Minutes of July 28, 2025, Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 4. Approval of the Minutes of September 15, 2025, Special Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes**
- 5. New Business: Strategic Energy Plan Presentation by SlipStream Inc to be presented and distributed at the meeting.**
- 6. Public Comment**
- 7. Adjournment**

Date Posted: 1/5/26

By: Natalie Benner, Management Analyst



Village of Lincolnwood
Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission
DRAFT MINUTES
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Monday, July 28, 2025, 7:00 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ahmed called the meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:05 PM Monday July 28, 2025 in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

2. Roll Call

On roll call by Staff Liaison Benner, the following were:

PRESENT: Chairperson Ahmed, Commissioners Quattrocchi, Suri, Gjokaj

ABSENT: Commissioners Powell, Mohammed, Jamjun A quorum was present.

Also present: Staff Liaison Natalie Benner

3. Approval of the Minutes from May 19, 2025, Environmental Commission Meeting

The minutes of the May 19, 2025 Environmental Commission Meeting were presented for approval.

Commissioner Quattrocchi moved to approve the minutes as requested. The motion was seconded by Commissioner Suri.

Upon roll call, the results were:

AYES: Chairperson Ahmed, Commissioners Quattrocchi, Suri, Gjokaj

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Powell, Mohammed, Jamjun This motion passes.

4. New Business

Staff Liaison Benner presented an overview of the Sustainability Plan goals to date.

Staff Liaison Benner presented the commission with bi-monthly scheduling options for 2026.

5. Old Business

6. Staff Report

Staff Liaison Benner reminded everyone that the next clean-up event will be on September 14 at the Valley Line Trail from 11am to 1 pm.

Staff Liaison Benner provided the commission with a brief update that Oaktobefest planning is underway. Chairperson Ahmed asked if the Niles Township Food Pantry, Bike Chicago, and Wild Bird Unlimited could be invited.

7. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Ahmed thanked the Commissioners who were able to volunteer for Lincolnwood Fest and was happy to see a composting option but would like a better information campaign around it to help raise awareness.

Chairperson Ahmed also encouraged residents to apply for Lincolnwood in Bloom. The application can be found on the Village website at Lincolnwoodil.org/LincolnwoodinBloom

8. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Gjoka informed the Commission that there is a Climate Action Museum and encouraged everyone to attend and requested that this information be shared with the school district.

Commissioners Suri and Quattrocchi provided the commission with feedback and suggestions about how to improve the composting experience at Lincolnwood Fest. Commissioner Suri highlighted that after Lincolnwood Fest there should be something done to decrease the amount of debris in the neighborhoods surrounding the festival.

9. Public Comment

Cheryl Trilling, Lincolnwood Resident, spoke to the commission mentioning she was looking forward to Oaktobefest and will have native seed packets for giveaway.

10. Adjournment

At 7:34 PM Commissioner Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Suri.

Upon voice vote, the results were:

AYES: Chairperson Ahmed, Commissioners Quattrocchi, Suri, Gjokaj

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Powell, Mohammed, Jamjun

Meeting Adjourned.

By: Natalie Benner, Management Analyst



Village of Lincolnwood
Special Meeting of the Environmental Commission
Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room
Monday, September 15, 2025
7:15 P.M.

1. Call to Order

Chairperson Ahmed called the meeting of the Environmental Commission to order at 7:20 PM Monday September 15, 2025 in the Gerald C. Turry Village Board Room of the Municipal Complex at 6900 N. Lincoln Avenue, Village of Lincolnwood, County of Cook, and State of Illinois.

2. Roll Call

On roll call by Staff Liaison Benner, the following were:

PRESENT: Chairperson Ahmed, Commissioners Quattrocchi, Powell, Suri, Mohammad

ABSENT: Commissioners Gjokaj, Jamjun

A quorum was present.

3. Approval of the Minutes of the July 28, 2025, Environmental Commission Meeting

The item was deferred to the next regular meeting due to its materials not being included in the meeting packet.

4. New Business

Biennial Report

Staff Liaison Benner presented the biennial report to the commission highlight achievements from August 2023 to August 2025.

Lincolnwood in Bloom Winners

Chairperson Ahmed announced the winners of the 2025 Lincolnwood in Bloom contest, highlighting that they will be recognized at a Village Board Meeting, on the website, and in the Village's newsletters.

Oaktoberfest Planning Updates

Staff Liaison Benner presented the commission with updates about the Oaktoberfest planning and logistics.

Sustainability Plan Updates

Staff Liaison Benner presented the commission with an update regarding the Village's Sustainability Plan.

2026 Draft Schedule

Staff Liaison Benner presented the commission with bi-monthly scheduling options for 2026.

Commissioner Powell moved to approve 2026 meeting dates as the 4th Monday of even numbered months. Commissioner Mohammed seconded the motion.

Upon a roll call vote, the results were:

AYES: Chairperson Ahmed, Commissioners Quattrocchi, Powell, Suri, Mohammed
NAYS: None
ABSENT: Commissioners Gjakaj, Jamjun

5. Old Business

No old business was presented.

6. Staff Report

No staff reported was presented.

7. Chairperson's Report

Chairperson Ahmed thanked everyone for their participation in the Valley Line Trail Clean-up event.

Chairperson Ahmed highlighted that there is a new household chemical waste program available for residents. Information can be found on the village's website.

Chairperson Ahmed also mentioned that September 22nd is World Car Free Day.

8. Commissioners' Report

Commissioner Suri reminded all residents that animal excrement is not to be thrown into the brush line of the Valley Line Trail and should be disposed of properly.

Commissioner Suri also highlighted that research is being done to find ways to reduce microplastics in the body and that tamarind is showing potential.

Commissioner Powell highlighted the work the Illinois General Assembly is doing to phase out PFAS's.

9. Public Comment

Cheryl Trilling, Lincolnwood Resident, spoke to the commission mentioning she was looking forward to Oaktoberfest and will have native seed packets for giveaway. Ms.

Trilling also inquired if the Village knew what the school was doing for composting and sustainability.

10. Adjournment

At 8:06 PM Commissioner Powell motioned to adjourn the meeting. This motion was seconded by Commissioner Suri.

Upon voice vote, the results were:

AYES: Chairperson Ahmed, Commissioners Quattrocchi, Powell, Suri, Mohammed

NAYS: None

ABSENT: Commissioners Gjakaj, Jamjun

Meeting Adjourned.