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VILLAGE OF HANOVER PARK ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE REGULAR MEETING

Village Hall – 2121 Lake St., Room 214
Tuesday, February 24, 2026
7:00 pm

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER – ROLL CALL

Matthew called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

PRESENT: Committee Members: Melody Eback
Patrick Maher
Frank Perry
Nicki Pizza
Matthew Smith

ABSENT: Committee Members: None

ALSO PRESENT: Trustee Broccolino
Karla Bastien, Assistant Village Engineer

ALSO ABSENT: None

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA

Motion by: Melody to approve the agenda

Second by: Frank

Vote: All Ayes

3. PRESENTATIONS/REPORTS

None

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by: Melody to approve the minutes from October 28, 2025

Second by: Nicki

Vote: All Ayes

5. ACTION ITEMS

None

6. TOWNHALL SESSION

None

7. OLD BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

7-a. 2026 Events

- Arbor Day – April 24, 2026 – Discussion of possible locations – Possibly a school, but because it's for America's 250th, plant at Village Hall or other Village owned property? Maybe ask the Board for their thoughts?
 - Hand out 250 tree whips/saplings as another way to celebrate America's 250th. Jon could procure them, but would need the Committee to hand them out at different events. Should an online sign-up for a tree be started to ensure all 250 are handed out? If these get handed out, should it be coordinated with 811 education?
- River Sweep with CIDC – April 18, 2026 (Official Conservation Foundation date)
- Apiary Open House – June 6, 2026 – restrict herbicide at Bayside, trim up trees, and address “no parking” issue – have Girl Scouts help out – possibly “name the bee.”

8. NEW BUSINESS (NON-ACTION ITEMS)

8-a. Trustee Liaison Update

- Excited about planting 250 trees to celebrate America's 250th

8-b. Staff Update

- Asked for volunteers to create event flyers; no one volunteered.
- Asked for feedback regarding the Village Award's dinner
 - Food was good, but all beverage glasses were small.
 - Servers had a hard time knowing who got vegetarian meals and tried to serve chicken plates to people with vegetarian meals. Servers did correct it, though.

8-c. Open Discussion

- Are committee members allowed to attend meetings virtually?
 - Motion by: Patrick to allow virtual meeting attendance
Second by: Melody
Vote: All Ayes
- Discussed doing composting and pumpkin smash, but need someone to coordinate/set it up.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by: Melody to adjourn at 7:48 pm

Second by: Matthew

Vote: All Ayes