

VILLAGE OF GURNEE
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes

DATE: January 17, 2023 (Tuesday)

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Zoom Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

Chairman Rick Osa called the meeting to order at 3:40 p.m.

b. Roll Call: Rick Osa, Lucie Bednar and Shelley Lazarus

c. Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator

d. Public in Attendance: None

2. Approval of December 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Shelley made a motion to accept the minutes and Lucie made a motion to second the minutes. Rick took a vote and it passed.

3. Public Comment

None

4. New Business

Shelley informed the group that Joyce Mason reached out to her for contact info regarding Styrofoam collection. Shelley informed her that we had one tentatively scheduled. Shelley suggested that the group come up with 3 Styrofoam collection events dates per year and one for electronic recycling. Rick encouraged Shelley to look into it and propose a spring, summer, and fall date for Styrofoam recycling.

Lucie mentioned that Home Depot may not be recycling correctly and Rick advised sharing educational information with them. Austin advised that he is working on a community recycling guide for residents and Rick mentioned that he would like see it. Austin stated that he could share it with Rick.

5. Discussion Items

a. Green Business Award Program

i. Review, action on Gurnee Mills Mall – Rick and the group decided to table the final review of the Gurnee Mills Mall application to the next meeting.

ii. Review, action on revise Fastlane nomination

Rick nominated Fastlane Lubemasters, discussed his point attribution, and wanted to award the bronze award if the group came into agreement. Shelley made a motion to accept the nomination and give the award, Lucie made a motion to second it. Rick took a vote and it passed.

iii. New nominations

Austin stated that the Village did not receive any new nominations. Austin said that he would reach out to Elmer/the Chamber to see if there is any other way to get the word out through their organization.

iv. Program Status

v. Publicity

vi. Recognition, awards

Austin stated that he will reach out to the Mayor and establish a date to award Fastlane Lubemasters.

vii. Schedule

b. Greenest Region Compact – status

i. Electrification of municipal vehicle fleet

Austin stated that he reached out to ComEd about grant funding. Additionally, Austin stated that he put a link to the Greenest Region Compact in the chat and he will be looking into a plan and the Village's next steps, especially in the area of communications.

Rick stated that he was looking into an educational program for committee member to possibly share with the schools. Rick also mentioned that some municipalities are moving over to biodiesel and he will be looking into gathering more information.

6. Adjournment

Rick made a motion to adjourn, Shelley second the motion and the meeting was adjourned.