

VILLAGE OF GURNEE
Minutes
Environmental Sustainability Committee

DATE: October 4, 2022 (Tuesday)
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Zoom Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Chairman Rick Osa called the meeting to order at 3:02 p.m.
- b. Roll Call: Lucie Bedner, Shelley Lazarus, Kaitlyn Boynett
- c. Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator
- d. Public in Attendance: Maxine Elloian and Annabelle Kyllmann

2. Approval of September 6, 2022 Meeting Minutes

Shelley made a motion to accept the meeting minutes and Lucie second. Meeting minutes were approved.

3. Public Comment

Maxine stated the Styrofoam drive went well and she had a fun time.

4. New Business

a. Rick shared some our articles and information on the inflation reduction act, recycling, electric vehicles, and an ETO event in another state.

b. Shelley shared some information on the plastic bags and stated that Kroger's goal is to get rid of all the plastic bags by 2025. Shelley said that they all go one recycling plant in Indianapolis. She then shared her thoughts and information from terracycle and link <https://www.terracycle.com>.

c. Shelley made a motion to move the meetings to 3:30 p.m.

Lucie second it and then everyone voted in favor to move the meetings.

5. Discussion Items

a. Green Business Award Program

i. Status

(i) First Nomination

Austin stated that the mall applied and he went over the points stated that they equal about a gold level if you subscribe them a mid-level point for the extra items. He stated the he would send the nomination to everyone. Rick then went over the logistics for the award and said that we can discuss it next time.

(ii) Business web page—"Celebrating Our Businesses"

Rick showed where he thought a link would work good and said that he can get one added.

ii. Publicity

(i) News Sun article—follow-up

Rick shared the article from the Lake County Sun and asked if anyone had any comments or concerns.

(ii) Social media

Austin stated that it has been posted multiple times on multiple platforms.

(iii) Chamber of Commerce/Gurnee Business Partners Letter

iii. Window Cling Status

Rick asked what the status of the window clings. Austin said that he was working on a design with a company.

iv. Schedule

b. Styrofoam Recycling Event—Recap

Rick stated the event went well and even though the truck was larger that they had the same amount as last time.

i. Next event?

Shelley thanked Austin for the signs and asked if the group wanted to do a winter event. The group discussed their ideas on a winter Styrofoam collection event. Rick asked if Shelley wanted to continue with that. She stated that she would be glad to pass the Styrofoam torch, it's really just contacting Dart and setting up a date and just making sure that they are aware of a date and getting their early enough to deal with the truck drivers. She stated if anybody wants to. Austin stated that he make the call on coordination to make sure their trucks can get through and what not. Rick stated that I still think we need and want a committee champion for it if anyone wants to jump in there and carry on the torch. Lucie stated the she can do it and Rick responded the she has a lot of resources to rely on Shelley and Austin.

c. Pumpkin Composting Event

Austin stated that the new date for the Pumpkin Composted Event will be Saturday, November 5th from 9:00 a.m. to noon and stated that some volunteers would work great. Lucie and a few others agreed to help. Shelley stated the dumpsters will filled to the top, so Austin stated that he got two dumpsters. Shelley mentioned the need for a second pumpkin composting event. Rick stated that we can discuss it next time.

d. Greenest Region Compact – status

i. Electrification of municipal vehicle fleet

- (i)** Procurement schedule, process
- (ii)** Fleet inventory: light, medium, and heavy duty vehicles
 - a. Duty cycles
- (iii)** Information mining: meeting, written info request
- (iv)** Assessment process, constraints, and considerations

Rick stated that the Metropolitan Mayor's Caucus is looking into EV Readiness and that he would like to reach out them and get an introduction to this. The committee members stated that they would be interested a presentation of this and will put his other thoughts on the back burner.

6. Adjournment