

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE  
MINUTES  
Environmental Sustainability Committee**

**DATE:** December 6, 2022

**TIME:** 3:30 p.m.

**PLACE:** Zoom Call

**1. Call to Order and Roll Call**

- a. Chairman Rick Osa called the meeting to order at 3:35 p.m.
- b. Roll Call: Lucie Bedner and Shelley Lazarus-Present, Kaitlyn Boynett-Absent
- c. Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator
- d. Public in Attendance: Maxine Elloian, John Aldrin, and Celeste Flores

**2. Approval of November 1, 2022 Meeting Minutes**

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

**3. Public Comment**

- a. ARP Enhanced Air Quality Monitoring Competitive Grant—Gurnee awardee (John Aldrin presentation)

John Aldrin gave a presentation on what has been accomplished to limit Eto exposures, described trends in the Lake County Phase 1 and Phase 2 testing, and the need for real-time continuous testing. The awarded Grant from the EPA will consist of securing the Picarro system and building a mobile air monitoring system based on design and experience of Prof. Peltier of University of Massachusetts. He spoke of the lead time and anticipation for the projects to take place in Gurnee and the surrounding area.

**4. New Business**

- a. Environmental concerns associated with proposed truck dealership (Ref.: Env. Sustainability News Clippings)
- b. Village Strategic Plan—How can the Sustainability Committee Support this long-term plan? (Ref.: Pg. 6 of attached 2023 – 2026 Strategic Plan)

Rick stated the Environmental Sustainability Committee has a few bullet points and asked if Austin worked on it. Austin stated that he worked on it, it was a planning process that took in a lot of input from the Village, and it was a team effort ultimately with the plan coming together nicely.

- c. 2023 Meeting Schedule

Austin stated that he put together the schedule and modified it to start at 3:30 p.m. for the high school students that want to join.

## 5. Discussion Items

### a. Green Business Award Program

#### i. Status

- (i) Gurnee Mills Follow Up
- (ii) New Nomination – Fastlane Lube Masters, 6280 Grand Ave.

Rick and the committee reviewed the follow up email from Gurnee Mills Mall and awarded points based on their answers. Austin was requested to verify if Gurnee Mills Mall and Fastlane Lube Masters is part of the recycling program. The committee reviewed Fastlane Lube Masters email submission and the additional contributions that they make to the community and environment. Rick stated that he will circulate an email with points subscribed to specific categories.

#### ii. Publicity

- (i) Letter was sent to approximately 800 business owners/operators

#### iii. Recognition, awards

- (i) Window Cling Design
- (ii) Draft Mayor's Certificate of Excellence

Rick asked how did Fastlane contact the Village. Austin stated the he just reached out and was told about the award program from an Economic Development employee. Shelley asked if the Village could put the year on it and remove the Mayor's name. Rick stated he likes having the year on it as well as having the Mayor's name on it. Rick asked if we could put the date on the Mayor's Certificate. Austin stated that he could make both those changes.

#### iv. Schedule

### b. Greenest Region Compact – status

#### i. Electrification of municipal vehicle fleet

- (i) Currently Testing of EV for Village Fire Inspectors

Austin mentioned that the Village is currently testing EV's for the Village Fire Inspectors. However, the Chevy Rep. shared that it would be very difficult to get one any time soon.

#### ii. Greenhouse gas reporting of village service providers

Shelley mentioned that Lucie/the committee should pick a date for the Spring Styrofoam Recycling Event. Lucie suggested a Saturday in March and Rick recommended the 18<sup>th</sup>. Austin stated that he could

reach out to Dart about getting a truck for the event. Maxine stated that she would be able to help out. Celeste stated that she would probably be able to help out as well.

Austin suggested making a motion to approve the 2023 meeting schedule. Shelley made a motion to approve the meeting schedule, Lucie seconded the motion. Rick took a vote and it passed.

## **6. Adjournment**

Shelley made a motion to adjourn the meeting, Lucie seconded the motion. Rick took a vote and it passed. The meeting was adjourned at 4:35 p.m.

