

VILLAGE OF GURNEE
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes

DATE: February 7, 2023 (Tuesday)

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 3:40 p.m.
- b. Roll Call: Rick Osa, Lucie Bednar, Kaity Boyett and Shelley Lazarus
- c. Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator
- d. Public in Attendance: None

2. Approval of January 17, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Shelly moved to approve the minutes. Lucie second the motion. Rick took a vote and it passed.

3. Public Comment

Rick proposed keeping Public Comment open until the end of the call.

4. New Business

Rick discussed the various articles in the sustainability news. He noted to bring up in the future, food composting in Gurnee. Rick and the group discussed commercial composting. He also stated that there is a movement to eliminate the use of natural gas for ranges and ovens.

5. Discussion Items

a. Green Business Award Program

i. Review, action on Gurnee Mills Mall Nomination

Rick stated a few things that Gurnee Mills is doing such as the recycling of plastic bags and their use of promoss to treat water. Rick explained the difference between pre-treatment and the filtering process, then Kaity summarized an article on how it helps their system's efficiency.

Shelley made a motion to make Rick's nomination for Gurnee Miles to be accepted – Gold Level.

ii. New nominations

Austin stated that we have not received any new nominations.

iii. Program Status: Rick is looking into going to specific businesses in town in CLC, target, timothy O'tooles and providing them with a flyer.

iv. Publicity

(i) Radio Segment

Austin proposed a possible Radio Segment to market the Green Gurnee Awards program and the group was opened to it. He said that he would schedule it and be in contact.

(ii) Gurnee Chamber Update

Austin stated that part of the Chamber's marketing is being absorbed by another individual, so she could help out with that in the future.

v. Fastlane Lubemaster's Award at Village Board Meeting

Austin stated that the Mayor would like to give out the certificate at a board meeting which is scheduled for February 20th. It has been scheduled for him to come by around that time. Austin stated that any members interested can certainly join the Mayor and provide the award.

b. Greenest Region Compact – status

i. Alternative Fuel Options

Rick discussed Bio Diesel and alternative fuels methods for vehicles.

ii. Grant/Funding Application

Austin stated that he is looking into methods of getting a charging station through a Comed Grant or even the tax credits.

iii. Communications

Austin stated that he is doing a new communications campaign called sustainability Saturday that provides environmental information to residents.

iv. Code Inventory

Austin also stated that he will be looking into the Gurnee Code as well as Environmental Practices that the Village carries out to gauge where the Village is and can go for to pursue the Greenest Region Compact.

c. Styrofoam Event Planning – March 18

Austin stated that he confirmed March 18th as go for the Styrofoam Recycling event (10am to 1pm) with Dart. He also confirmed the date of June 16th (with extended hours to 530pm) with the Waste Management and Public Works for the Electronics Recycling Event. Austin also stated that BCU as well as the Village plans to hold a shredding event at the Village Hall in the beginning of April.

6. Adjournment

Shelley made a motion to adjourn and Lucie second it, Rick took a vote and the meeting was adjourned.