

**VILLAGE OF GURNEE**  
**Environmental Sustainability Committee**  
**MINUTES**

**DATE:** March 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, Kaity Boyett and Shelley Lazarus
- c) Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator
- d) Public in Attendance: Daline L.

**2. Approval of February 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes**

Shelley made a motion, Kaity second it. A vote was taken and the minutes passed.

**3. Public Comment**

Daline L. asked about the Earthbound Company and if it has been considered for the Green Gurnee Award. Daline stated that they sell a lot of sustainable items and Rick stated that he would reach out to them.

**4. New Business**

- a) Kaity mentioned some facts relating to the polar bear population increasing.
- b) Austin stated after the May meeting, we will be going to in person meetings. This is due to the state's public health emergency ending on May 11th.

**5. Discussion Items**

**a. Recycling Events**

**i. Styrofoam**

Rick confirmed the dates for the Styrofoam recycling event. Austin stated that State Rep. Joyce Mason wanted to be part of our event and that he requested at least one volunteer.

**ii. Electronics**

Rick confirmed that the Electronics Recycling Event will take place on Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup>.

**iii. Shred Event**

Austin stated that a Shred Event is taking place on Saturday, April 8th at Village Hall with BCU (Baxter Credit Union) from 9am to 12pm at the Village Hall. The event is limited to Gurnee residents and is free of charge. Any documents from businesses or commercial institutions will not be accepted. As a sustainable event, all materials will be recycled and diverted from landfills.

**b. Green Business Award Program**

**i. Review of Fastlane presentation**

Rick provided a recap of the Fastlane Award Presentation and informed the group that Morris reached out to him as he was grateful and proud to display his presentation.

ii. Gurnee Mill status

Austin stated that their award is slated to be presented to Gurnee Mills on April 24th if any of the committee members would like to be present.

iii. New nominations

Austin stated that there were not any new nominations.

iv. Program Outreach

- (i) CLC Advanced Technology Campus
- (ii) Timothy O'Toole's
- (iii) Home Depot
- (iv) Others

Rick stated that Kaity and him will be on air on March 16th to talk about the Green Gurnee Awards and the committee. Rick stated that he will be having a meeting with CLXC Advanced Technology Campus. Shelley stated she provided the information to Timothy O'Toole's. Kaity stated that she went to Target and will go back again to talk the manager.

Rick asked if the group knew of any other businesses for the Green Gurnee Awards and Shelley asked if businesses outside the Village. Austin stated that if it is unincorporated that it is not technically within the Village. Austin stated that the Gurnee's Got It Radio Show is switching to podcast type this summer. Daline asked how it would work and Austin stated that it has not been formalized yet, however it would be similar to how the Gurnee's Got It Radio Show is done.

c. Greenest Region Compact – status

i. Alternative Fuel Options

Austin stated that over the past month or so, he has been putting together a recycling/safe disposal guide for residents. He stated that he has been sharing info on social media regarding it as well as sustainability Saturday.

Austin also stated that there is a Green Living Fair at Lake County College from Saturday, April 15th at 10am to 2pm in case any members wanted to attend.

Austin also provide the committee with a commercial composting follow up for commercial composting. Austin stated that we had some discussion with the Solid Waste Agency of Lake County and our Village Administrator about providing commercial facilities with the option to compost. This may not be an easy process as Waste Management may not want to begin such service, however he would pursue it as much as he could.

Austin stated that he is pursuing a grant with Comed to obtain electrical charging stations within the Village.

## 6. Adjournment

Rick entertained a motion to adjourn. Shelley made a motion, Kaity second it. A vote was taken and the motion passed.