

**Village of Gurnee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes**

DATE: April 2, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

**PLACE: Conference Room A at the Gurnee Village Hall located at
325 N. O'Plaine Rd., Gurnee IL**

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- A. Karen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:37 p.m.
Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Dan Helgren, Meg Beckley and Brian Penticoff
- B. Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator
- C. Public in Attendance: Anya Polanski

2. Approval of the March 6, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Dan made motion to approve it, Meg made a motion to second it. The minutes were approved.

3. New Business

4. Discussion Items

A. Upcoming Recycling Events

- Styrofoam – April 20, 10am to 1pm – Public Works
- Shred Event – April 27, 10am to 1pm – WTHS O'Plaine
- Compost Giveaway – May 11, 10am to 3pm – Public Works

Austin reviewed the upcoming recycling events. Karen asked if we should get a signup going and he said that a verbal two or three people showing up would be good enough. The group discussed the difficulties and concerns of operating each event.

The group also discussed marketing International Compost Awareness Week (ICAW), which will be the week of the compost event.

B. Earth Month News

Austin stated he created the Earth Month communications item and it is posted on the front page of website under the news section. It reviews and gives people notice of the upcoming recycling events, sustainability programs like the adopt a trail/road program, and sustainability resources/tips.

He also reviewed the sustainability items that our on this month's communications plan.

C. From the Desk of Mayor Hood on the Environment

Austin showed the Mayor's message on the environment. He stated that it got a lot of likes, gave the ESC some credit and the Mayor reviewed the environmental efforts that the Village is carrying out.

D. Lakeshore Recycling Systems (LRS)

Austin stated the Village had an operational meeting with LRS this morning to hammer out some further details regarding the transition. He stated that it is probable that some waste and recycling service days may change. He also mentioned that the LRS transition page is posted on the website

and he reviewed the communications plan behind getting the initial information out to residents.

E. Hefty ReNew Bag Program Launch

Austin explained that the Hefty ReNew Bag Program also known as the orange bag program will be launched in the Fall. It will take away from the Styrofoam recycling as it will be an orange bag that residents can throw in their recycling container with bag containing Styrofoam, plastic wraps/bags and food waste wrappers.

The group had a conversation regarding municipal marketing/communications.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:42pm

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