

# VILLAGE OF GURNEE

## Environmental Sustainability Committee

### AGENDA

**DATE:** April 4, 2023

**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 3:32 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., Steve Heroux, and Morgan

#### 2. Approval of March 7, 2023 Meeting Minutes

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

#### 3. Public Comment

Steve introduced himself and expressed his interest in joining the committee.

Daline introduced herself and expressed her interest in joining the committee.

Morgan introduced herself and expressed her interest in joining the committee.

#### 4. New Business

##### a. OMA Notice and Upcoming Training

Austin stated that the committee members will have to take OMA training and that he explained what the open meetings act is and how the committee complies with it.

##### b. Committee Membership Recruitment Campaign

Austin stated that him and the Village Administrator came up with a Committee Membership Statement of Interest Form and that he would be sharing those with the Mayor to get more people on the committee.

Steve asked how many people need to be involved. Austin said that there is no cap but with the potential retirements, adding some people would help.

##### c. Waste Management Commercial Composting

Austin stated that the commercial composting is in the Village's franchise agreement with Waste Management, however he was told that they didn't want to move forward with it. Then, he reached out to his highest point of contact and he said that he would be open to discussing it. Austin said he would reach out to him in the next week or two.

##### d. Revised Disaster Declaration for Inperson Meetings

## 5. Discussion Items

### a. Recap of 3/16 "Gurnee's Got It"

Rick stated it went well and Kaity said it was nerve racking at first but they had a good time. The radio show experience was well received by the committee members.

### b. Recycling Events

#### i. Recap of 3/18 Styrofoam Recycling Event

Shelley stated that the weather was bad and later in the season would be ideal. Daline asked what the committee did and Kaity explained that the committee has a big truck come in and the members collect the styrofoam and place it in the truck. Steve asked about the turnout and Shelley/Rick stated that over a 100 people came. The committee discussed details of operations regarding the event. Daline stated that she would like to be involved.

#### ii. 4/8 Shredding

Austin stated the their will be a shredding/recycling event this Saturday and anticipates a large amount of attendees, so he is requesting volunteers and he will be onsite for further coordination purposes.

#### iii. Electronics (Public Works)

Rick asked if we have a date for the Electronics Recycling Event. Austin stated that the date is Friday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 10:00 to 5:30pm. He stated that our contact at SWALCO stated that we should consider an electronics recycling event for businesses.

#### iv. Next Styrofoam

Rick suggested that the Committee wait until May or June before picking a date for the next Styrofoam event. Shelley stated her concern and Austin stated that the committee should be fine for choosing a date at that time.

### c. Green Business Award Program

#### i. Gurnee Mills Award - April 24

Austin stated that management will be present to receive the award on April 24<sup>th</sup> if any of the members wanted to be present.

#### ii. New nominations

Austin stated that there aren't any new nominations.

#### iii. Program Outreach

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

Rick stated that he went to the CLC Advanced Technology Campus and spoke to them about pursuing the Green Gurnee Award. The individual he spoke to was interested, but he had to run it through their administration. Shelley request the flyer again and she said that she would leave some with businesses throughout town. Rick said the he would visit the earthbound store. He also said that he would speak to someone.

Steve stated some information about the crayon initiative and requested if

we could add it to the award. Rick mentioned that there is another category for things like recycling a building, which CLC did in their use case.

**d. Greenest Region Compact & Plan Update**

Austin said he is doing an inventory of codes, programs, and a putting together a possible plan to move the Village along further with the Greenest Region Compact. He stated that he would have to get approval through the Village Administrator and the committee.

**e. EV Grant Application**

Austin stated he applied for a grant for an EV charging station and he priced it out to be \$30,000. If the Village receives the grant, it would be for \$10,000 of that amount and then the Village Board would have to do a budget amendment. Steve asked how likely is the Village Board to approve it and Austin said that he could not speak for them, however some people do care for environmental sustainability efforts. Steve stated that there are some around the Village, but Austin stated that there aren't any municipal and the higher use case the better.

Steve inquired about additional recycling for businesses. Austin stated that he would look into it further.

Rick asked if the Village purchases Green Energy for Commercial and Industrial. Austin said he wasn't sure, but could look into.

Morgan asked what the Shredding Event is and Rick explained that it is event for Gurnee residents to shred documents.

**6. Adjournment**

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

