

**Village of Gurnee  
Environmental Sustainability Committee  
Minutes**

**DATE: June 6, 2023**

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

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

- a) The meeting started at approximately 3:30 p.m.
- b) Roll Call: Karen Thorstenson, Rick Osa, Shelley Lazarus, Dan Helegan, Morgan Culver, Rebecca Adler, Steve Heroux, and Brian Penticoff
- c) Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator
- d) Public in Attendance: None

### **1. Introductions**

Everyone introduced themselves and described their background and interests in the committee.

### **2. New Business**

#### **a. Idea gathering; foot to Gurnee's GRC2: Greenest Region Compact**

Karen and Austin presented the Village's progress thus far against the Greenest Region Compact as well each actions' impact and difficulty. Programs such as the Tree City USA, Orion Program, Green Energy Savings, Waste/Recycling, and etc. Committee members asked various questions and Austin and Karen answered them. However further follow up was needed on:

- A few members asked various questions about the Orion program and how it works.
- Austin stated that he would provide more information about the Mosquito Abatement Program to Rebecca.

It was also communicated by Karen that if any member of the committee sees any policies or programs enacted by other communities to bring it up so the Village could consider it.

Karen discussed the idea of Morgan and the Gurnee Youth Leadership Initiative (GYLI) providing environmental information to the schools such as the SWALCO Earth flag program. She also discussed the idea of a communications program to share recycling/composting information.

#### **b. Summer Meeting Schedule**

The group discussed having a summer break. At the end of the meeting, the group came up with canceling the August meeting, however keeping the meeting scheduled for July.

### **3. Discussion Items**

#### **a. Recap of Compost Event**

Morgan and her friends were present at the Compost Event and the compost was well received by residents.

**b. Copper's Hawk Recycling**

Steve mentioned that Cooper's Hawk generates too much recycling on the weekend and that they end up throwing it out. Austin stated that he had followed up with Waste Management and they said that they could purchase more recycling. He will follow up on this again to ensure that they get in contact with someone who can assist.

**c. Upcoming Recycling Events**

Electronics Recycling at Gurnee Public Works Facility located at 1151 Kilbourne Road on Friday, June 16, 10:00am to 5:30pm.

**d. Styrofoam Recycling**

Shelley stated that Dart pencil us in for October 7th, but they can't confirm until a later date.

**e. Adopt a Roadway Program**

Morgan stated that she got a road for the Adopt a Road Program through the Village – Knowles Road. She stated that it would assist in getting seniors services hours.

**f. Flood Impact**

Dan mentioned that Gurnee is one of the leading communities reducing flood impact and that the community should be recognized for that.

**g. Desktop Publishing**

Rebecca offered to assist in publishing communications items. Austin said that he is working on a general recycling guide.

**h. Sustainability Booth at Gurnee Days**

Shelley asked about the Village getting a booth at Gurnee days. Austin stated that he reached out to them last year and they said no. Karen stated that the committee could leave some flyers at the information booth.

**4. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**5. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned around 4:15pm.