

VILLAGE OF GURNEE
Environmental Sustainability Committee
MINUTES

DATE: August 9, 2022
TIME: 3:00 p.m.
PLACE: Zoom Call

1. Call to Order and Roll Call

- a. Chairman Rick Osa called the meeting to order at 3:00 p.m.
- b. Roll Call: Lucie Bedner, Shelley Lazarus, Kaitlyn Boyett
- c. Other Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator
- d. Public in Attendance: Maxine Elloian, John Aldrin

2. Public Comment

- a. Maxine Elloian mentioned the harm of plastics bags and the idea for expanding collection location. Rick mentioned other ideas for collection. John Aldrin mentioned that he bundles them and puts them in the recycling. Austin mentioned that he will contact WM to learn how to properly dispose of them.
- b. John Aldrin stated that he is working with an MIT professor on a grant for a tool that provides real-time testing of ETO.

3. New Business

- a. Kaity mentioned a possibility of a competition between the middle schools for a recycling, compost, or another form of environmental competition.

4. Discussion Items

- a. Committee Progress Report to Board Presentation
 - i. Rick ask for input into each slide. Austin advised to include Village accomplishments, members provided input to the slides, and Rick mapped out a structure and assigned slides.
- b. Recap of electrical device recycling event
 - i. Lessons learned
Rick asked about if there were any statistics available from the recycling event. Austin stated the he would reach out to WM to see if there were any statistics available from the recycling event. Rick mentioned a thank you to the public works.
 - ii. Publicity effectiveness

Kaitlyn reported that people found out about the event from Facebook.

c. Green Business Award Program

i. Status

Shelley stated that she is looking into window clings as part of the business awards.

ii. Publicity

Austin mentioned that the publicity will increase in the next couple months.

iii. Gurnee Business Partners Letter

Rick mentioned that the business partners letter might be a good avenue to market the award.

iv. Schedule

d. Styrofoam Recycling Event

i. September planning (publicity)

Shelley asked for volunteers for the styrofoam recycling event.

Lucie asked how many volunteers would help. Rick mentioned that he thinks between 4 and 6 volunteers are needed. Austin stated he can reach out to SWALCO/PW about finding an option for signs.

e. Greenest Region Compact – status

(i) Rick stated that he doesn't think that we made any progress lately.

ii. Electrification of municipal vehicle fleet

iii. Greenhouse gas reporting of village service providers

5. Adjournment