

**Village of Gurnee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes**

DATE: October 1, 2024

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

PLACE: Council Chambers 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 3:32 p.m.

B. Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Meg Beckley, Matt Beckley, Brian Penticoff, Anya Polanski and Dan Helegan

C. Public in Attendance: Sally Goldstein, Jamie Boller and Leith Hoffman

D. Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator

2. Approval of the September 3, 2024 Meeting Minutes

Dan made a motion to approve the minutes and Meg made a motion to second it. The group approved the minutes.

3. New Business

There were no new business items.

4. Discussion Items

A LRS Facility Tour Recap

The group discussed their experience touring the LRS facility. Karen asked if the Village could post a video. Austin stated that there will be a video posted on social media and the diagram of what should be recycled will be shared in the Keeping Posted.

Karen said that she didn't see any shoes for recycling at the tour. Austin said that he believes that shoes go to a different recycling company. He also stated that the program will be expanded to have a larger bin at Public Works soon.

B Upcoming Recycling Events and Planning

- Styrofoam Recycling, Saturday, October 12, 10am to 1pm
- Pumpkin Composting, Saturday, November 2, 9am to 12pm

Austin reviewed the details about the Styrofoam recycling and the pumpkin composting event. Karen provided further details to help inform the volunteers.

Meg asked that what if you can't fit everything into it. Austin said that you could breakdown the items to put them in.

Karen provided information regarding the Warren Township shred event.

Leith stated that he would assist in getting volunteers from the high school for the Village's events.

C Hefty ReNew Orange Bag Program

Austin explained the Hefty ReNew Orange Bag program. He stated that the program went live today and that he has 50 free bags to be distribute at the Styrofoam recycling event.

D Bimonthly Meeting Schedule

The group discussed the meeting calendar for 2025 and various schedules were discussed for next year. Meg suggested the idea of a Village-sponsored event for earth day and requested that the group meet the months prior to earth day. Anya described the need for more meetings given what is discussed. The group settled on not meeting for the following three months: August, December and January.

Anya asked if the Village could spearhead an initiative to get local kids learning and involved in recycling. The group discussed what has been looked into in the past and new options for making a program work. Karen asked Anya to talk to her adviser and get back to her.

5. Public Comment

Sally asked if there is a way to recycle bottle caps and Austin said he would ask Waste Management.

Jamie shared her background and interest in the Environmental Sustainability Committee.

Leith suggest that we brainstorm ideas for what we want to do for earth day in November.

Sally also stated that the Warren Township event is for meds as well as shredding.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:24pm.