

**Village of Gurnee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes**

DATE: November 5, 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 3:35 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 October 1, 2024 Meeting Minutes

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

3. New Business

A 2025 Meeting Schedule Approval

Meg made a motion to approve the 2025 meeting schedule and Meg made a motion to second it. The group approved the meeting schedule.

4. Discussion Items

A Styrofoam and Pumpkin Composting Event Recaps

Brian stated that the styrofoam recycling event went well and the group filled up about half a semi-truck. He stated that they received some push back from members of the public saying that they would have buy a lot of the orange bags if the Village stopped putting on these events. Austin described the scheduling issues with Dart as he believes that they don't want to come out and pick up the styrofoam materials. Brian and others also stated that the pumpkin composting event went well and everyone had a fun time.

B WTHS Textile Recycling Bin Unveil/Photo Op – Nov. 7, 3pm

The group discussed the success of WTHS obtaining a textile recycling bin, publicizing the bin with an unveiling/photo op and further work to be done in this area.

C Orange Bag Feedback

Austin asked if anyone has any feedback on the program. Anya said that the Target website said they sold them, but they aren't in the stores. Austin said it really isn't up to the Village, but the individual retailers to decide whether they carry the item in the store. Austin said if you go online, you can see the list of participating retailers.

D Lake County and SWALCO Solid Waste Management Plan Update

Austin provided a brief overview of the Lake County and SWALCO Solid Waste Management Plan by providing background, describing key areas of the plan and the work that the Village has been involved in.

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.