

**Village of Gurnee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes**

DATE: November 7, 2025

TIME: 3:30 p.m.

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

1. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

2. Call to Order and Roll Call

- A. Karen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:30 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Brian Penticoff, Meg Beckley, Matt Beckley, Dan Helgren, Zoe Zweifelhofer, Anya Polanski, Emily Mokrzycki, Anissa Chaudhry, Debbie Hoselton and Sally Goldstein
- C. Public in Attendance: None
- D. Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator and Pete Adrian, SWALCO Recycling Coordinator

3. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

4. Approval of the October 3, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

5. New Business

6. Discussion Items

A. 2026 ESC Meeting Schedule

Austin summarized the 2026 meeting schedule and Karen asked what months that the group doesn't meet. Austin stated that we won't meet in December, January and August, and she stated that we won't see each other until February.

B. 2026 Tentative ESC/Recycling Event Schedule

Austin stated the tentative event schedule and Brian asked if it could be moved up. Karen stated that she thought that moving the event up would be a good idea. Also, she liked the idea of not having volunteers and it being self-serve. Anya and Karen stated that the shred event went well and the high schoolers made videos promoting it. Karen stated that she shared samples and information on the orange bag at each event. Brian reported that 119 cars came through during the fall shred event, but it was much less than the spring event.

C. Pete Adrian SWALCO Presentation

Pete presented to the group and spoke about SWALCO and their recycling programs. He talked about the orange hefty Renew bag program in great detail, presented a powerpoint, shared a video and showed the group what recyclable materials can be put into the orange bags. He also spoke about the battery network that will be launched in 2026.

7. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

8. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:35pm.