

**Village of Gurnee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes**

DATE: March 4, 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. Call to Order and Roll Call

- A. Mayor Hood started the meeting at 3:35 p.m. and Karen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:55 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Meg Beckley, Matt Beckley and Dan Helegan
- C. Public in Attendance: Sally Goldstein and Jamie Boller
- D. Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator

2. Approval of the February 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

3. New Business

4. Discussion Items

A Recycling Events

Austin announced that Paper Shredding and Recycling event will take place on Saturday, April 12th at the Village Hall from 10am to 1pm. He said that they are putting it on in conjunction with BCU.

He also stated that he was able to get a commitment from Dart and that the Styrofoam Recycling event will take place on Saturday, April 19th from 10am to 1pm. He said both events have been publicized in the newsletter and answered questions regarding both.

B Bill Status of HB3505

Mayor Hood spoke about the importance of the environmental initiatives and the committee itself. He then spoke about HB3505 and stated it was initiated as a bill to require fence line testing around non-sterilizer facilities such as Vantage. He asked if anyone from the committee had anything to share.

C Public Awareness of Programs

The group briefly discussed the awareness of public programs on the website such as adopt-a street, adopt-a hydrant and others.

D Earth Day Planning

Austin asked if the group had any ideas or if they wanted to continue with what was done last year. The group said what was done last year was sufficient.

Meg brought up the usage of plastics and the group discuss the limitations of a plastic bag ban in Gurnee. Sally asked if the group considered a ban/fee and Karen responded that due to the area being a regional travel destination that it was not possible. However, Austin stated that he would look into getting Gurnee non-disposable bags

5. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

6. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 4:25pm.