

**Village of Gurnee  
Environmental Sustainability Committee  
Minutes**

**DATE:** April 1, 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. Karen called the meeting to order at approximately 3:35 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Brian Penticoff, Dan Helegan, Anya Polanski and Zoe Zweifelhofer.
- C. Anissa Chaudhry, Debbie Hoselton and Sally Goldstein
- D. Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator

**2. Approval of the March 4, 2025 Meeting Minutes**

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

**3. New Business**

**4. Discussion Items**

**A Recycling Events**

Austin stated that the paper shredding and recycling event will take place Saturday, April 12th from 10am to 1pm. He also stated that the styrofoam recycling event will take place on Saturday, April 19<sup>th</sup> from 10am to 1pm. Austin stated that volunteers are needed for both events. Karen explained the details of each of event and how they work. She stated Leith is putting together a sign up sheet.

**B Legislation**

• SB 1872 – Plastic Bags

Austin explained that senate bill 1872 is going to limit the use of plastic bags to some extent. He said that it appears that it's going to pass, but he and SWALCO doesn't know the specific details.

• HB 3505 – Eto Monitoring

Austin stated that the bill aims at expanding the monitoring of Eto throughout the state of Illinois. He said this one is in the rules committee, but once it is out then the Village will put together a communications plan to urge residents to support this bill.

**C CLC Tech Interest**

This item was skipped.

**D May/June appointments**

Austin stated that in May or June, the Mayor plans to make appointments to the

committee. He stated that if you're interested in continuing then to just let him know, but if you're new then to send him an email and he will share it with the Mayor.

Karen mentioned the Earth Day campaign and that it includes the two upcoming events, the adopt-a programs and various environmental tips

## **5. Public Comment**

Debbie Hoselton mentioned her use of the orange bag program and her concerns with Eto and the Vantage facility. She requested that the committee do something about the Vantage facility in Gurnee.

Austin stated that the EPA and the IEPA are the ones that regulate air quality and the Village's does not. Karen explained that the Village doesn't have jurisdiction and recommends that Debbie start with the IEPA. Austin stated that the Village plans to run a communications plan when the Eto Monitoring bill is available for the public to submit witness slips and show support for the bill.

## **6. Adjournment**

The meeting was adjourned at 4:05pm.