

**Village of Gurnee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes**

DATE: October 3, 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 3:34 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Brian Penticoff, Meg Beckley, Matt Beckley, Debbie Hoselton, Zoe Zweifelhofer, Anya Polanski and Emily Mokrzycki
- C. Public in Attendance: None
- D. Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator

2. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

3. Approval of the July 11, 2025 Meeting Minutes

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

4. New Business

5. Discussion Items

A. Public Works Open House Recap

Karen stated the open house event well and they educated the public on the orange bags. Debbie stated that it seemed like there were more people from outside Gurnee at the event. She stated that a video might help get the word out about the open house event.

B. Upcoming Recycling Events

- Paper Shredding and Recycling Event - Saturday, October 4, 10am to 12pm

Austin stated the shred event is tomorrow and the homecoming parade should be over by the start of it. Anya asked if the volunteer events could be shared with her and Austin said that he would send her a list of the events.

- Styrofoam Recycling Event - Saturday, October 18, 10am to 1pm

Karen stated that we will need volunteers for the styrofoam recycling event and that they plan to hand out orange bags. She stated that she sent the information over to Andy at the high school. Anya stated that she would get a volunteer sign up started for the event. There was some discussion about whether the trailer was preloaded by Public Works. Austin stated that we are at the will of Dart in

term of when the trailer will be delivered or picked up.

- Pumpkin Composting Event- Saturday, November 1, 9am to 12pm

Karen stated that we will need volunteers for this event and described how it will work. Debbie asked where do the pumpkins go? Austin stated the pumpkins will be turned into compost.

The group also discussed various environmental initiatives and concerns such as recycling at the legion beer fest, the adopt-a-road/trail program, commercial recycling, the plastic bag bill, and ideas for a high school community involvement program.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:27pm.