

**Village of Gurnee  
Environmental Sustainability Committee  
Minutes**

**DATE:** April 3, 2026

**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 3:41 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Brian Penticoff, Dan Helgren, Zoe Zweifelhofer, Anya Polanski and Anissa Chaudhry
- C. Public in Attendance: Grace Lian
- D. Officials in Attendance: Austin Pollack, Assistant to the Village Administrator

**3. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

**4. Approval of the February 6, 2026 Meeting Minutes**

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

**5. New Business**

There was no new business.

**6. Discussion Items**

**A. Upcoming Recycling Events:**

- 1. Shred Event - Saturday, April 11 from 10am to 12pm at the Village Hall**
- 2. Styrofoam Recycling - Saturday, April 18 from 10am to 1pm at Public Works**
- 3. Compost Giveaway - Saturday, May 9 from 10am to 3pm at Public Works**
- 4. Electronics Recycling – Friday, June 12 from 10am to 5:30pm at Public Works**

The group discussed the events, marketing, dates/times and staffing.

**B. Updated Gurnee Recycling and Safe Disposal Guide and Social Media**

Austin mentioned the changes in the updated Gurnee Recycling and Safe Disposal Guide.

**C. Green Gurnee Business Award Nominations**

Austin presented the two companies that applied for Green Gurnee Business Award and stated that he will prepare a memo in the future.

#### **D. Future Appointments**

Austin reminded the group that he needs to be notified by April 17 for anyone wishing to be appointed to the future committee.

#### **E. Exiting Members – May 4 ESC Meeting**

Austin reminded the group that there will be a celebration/meeting for the May ESC meeting.

#### **5. Public Comment**

There was no public comment.

#### **6. Adjournment:** The meeting was adjourned at 4:15pm.