

**Village of Gurnee
Environmental Sustainability Committee
Minutes**

DATE: July 11, 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 3:33 p.m.
- B. Roll Call: Chair Karen Thorstenson, Brian Penticoff, Meg Beckley, Matt Beckley, Debbie Hoselton, Jamie Boller, Zoe Zweifelhofer 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 May 6, 2025 Meeting Minutes

Brian 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. New Meeting Schedule

Austin stated that he sent out the schedule to everyone and stated the new meeting dates.

B. 2024 Water Quality Report: www.gurnee.il.us/2024waterquality

Austin stated that the water quality is on our website and that our water quality is really good. However, the issue that was previously brought up of POAS and PFAS is more than a global problem than a local problem. Debbie asked if we can get a message out about testing the water. Karen explained that it is more of a county function that tests water.

Debbie asked if we could recommend companies that provide water filtration systems. Karen said that the Village cannot recommend specific businesses. Austin stated the same and Karen mentioned that Pete Adrian from SWALCO may be able to share information on that.

C. CLCJAWA Visit Interest

Austin asked the group if they had any interest on a CLCJAWA visit. Austin stated that he would reach out in a couple months to coordinate a tour.

D. Gurnee Days Open House: ESC Table at Public Works located 1151 Kilbourne Rd. on Saturday, August 9th from 9am to 12pm

Austin stated that he has a table available for the ESC at the Public Works open house event. He explained that everyone can come and staff the table and he has the table stocked with bags, handouts and some pencils. Karen confirmed the time and Debbie asked how they

would sign up to staff the table. Karen stated that anyone can just come and join and Austin said that he sent out a reminder to everyone.

E. Reminder: August Meeting Off and Resume and Friday, September 5

Austin reminded the group they are off for August.

Matt asked about recycling for the legion and Austin stated that he would setup recycling for the event.

Karen brought up the issue of the free landscape waste removal occurring early in the season. Austin stated that the date has been moved up two weeks now due to the pollinators and a resident request.

Meg mentioned that Sam Parker in Mundelein is utilizing and collecting recyclable materials for her art studio.

Karen asked about the gas-powered leaf blower grants to change to electric and Austin stated that he is waiting to hear more from SWALCO about it.

6. Public Comment

There was no public comment.

7. Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 4:19pm.