

**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE  
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Draft Meeting Minutes  
Tuesday, January 26, 2020- 7:00-9:00 p.m.**

**1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL**

Chairperson Gallagher called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

*The following Task Force members were (virtually) present:*

*Barney Gallagher, Chair*

*Sandy Culver*

*Lisa Fremont*

*Hall Healy*

*Helyn Latham*

*Linda Lin*

*Peter Mulvaney*

*Dudley Onderdonk*

*Catherine Procopi*

*Larry Reilly*

*Jennifer Varela*

*The following task force members were not (virtually) present:*

*Ashley Kain Silver*

*Also present were:*

*Chris Leiner, Director of Parks and Maintenance*

*Megan Olson, Staff Liaison*

**2. OPENING**

Chairperson Gallagher explained that Governor Pritzker suspended the procedural requirement of the Illinois Open Meetings Act that a quorum of a public body be physically present to conduct a public meeting, which meant that the GSTF will continue to hold virtual meetings until further notice. Additionally, due to the supplemental public participation rules approved by the Village Board in April 2020, the Chair explained that all members of the public should submit public comments via voicemail or email. Chairperson Gallagher asked Staff Liaison Megan Olson if there were any public comments that had been submitted before the meeting. No comments had been submitted.

**3. CONSIDERATION OF THE DECEMBER 12 STF MEETING MINUTES**

Upon a motion made by Mr. Mulvaney and seconded by Ms. Fremont and unanimously adopted by all those present by roll call vote, the meeting minutes for the December 12, 2020 were approved.

**4. LIBRARY PROGRAM REVIEW AND KALK PARK UPDATE**

Mr. Healy and the Green Lawns Priority Subcommittee discussed the *Living the Green Life: Eco-Lawn Care Made Simple Webinar* planned for March 4 and the birding webinars planned for May and June, including the Bird of Glencoe voting contest. Chairperson Gallagher mentioned that it was time to start planning topics for August and September and emphasized that all communication with the Library should go through Ms. Lin as the task force liaison to the Library.

Chairperson Gallagher also discussed the Park District response to the GSTF recommendations for Kalk Park.

## **5. MEMBERSHIP EXPANSION DISCUSSION**

The GSTF members continued their conversations from the previous month regarding expansion of membership. Chairperson Gallagher reported that he had met with Village Manager Kiraly and discussed the possibility of allowing the GSTF to expand and constrict membership on an as needed status, similar to the Community Relations Forum. Chairperson Gallagher asked the question which skills does the group need? The conversation turned to the addition of more student representatives, the possibility of “merit” or honorary status for former members, and recruitment of new members. The need for the development of a volunteer list was also discussed and the benefits of adding a member from the Glencoe business community. Ms. Latham volunteered to speak to the School District about student representatives and Mr. Healy agreed to reach out to the Glencoe Chamber of Commerce to recommend a potential member.

## **6. SUBCOMMITTEE PLANNING DOCUMENT**

- A. *Carbon Emission Reduction:* This subcommittee explained that they were changing the subcommittee priority name to “carbon emission reduction” to acknowledge that their mission is broader than lowering energy bills and aimed at reducing the community’s overall carbon footprint from the food that we eat to the cars that we drive or the bicycle that we decide to ride instead. The group mentioned that they are still prioritizing actions for 2021 but is focusing on vehicle electrification, the use of LEDES and the implementation of the Alternative Transportation Plan.
- B. *Public Awareness:* This subcommittee is committed to promoting the work of other groups and outlined some of the outlets that the task force has already utilized and how the subcommittee plans to formalize the distribution of GSTF information. The possibility of a welcome packet for Glencoe residents was also discussed.
- C. *Recycling and Waste Reduction:* This update mainly focused on the program Recycle Across America, which advocates for the standardization of “landfill” bins, recycling, and compost bins across public spaces. This conversation focused on some of the Village’s and Park District’s previous attempts to encourage more recycling and the costs associated with implementing this program, including capital costs and ongoing maintenance costs. The conversation concluded with Chairperson Gallagher acknowledging that this project would require more research and a tight set of objectives. The group turned to the question of whether the group should be more focused on eliminating waste-particularly for single-use items=.

## **7. GLENCOE COMMUNITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)**

- A. *Village:* Ms. Olson updated on the enrollment numbers of the Community Solar Program and the completion rate of the Village-wide Water Meter Replacement Program.

- B. *Library:* Ms. Lin reported that the Glencoe Public Library reopened in mid-January and that they were awaiting the delivery of the lockers for curbside library material pickup.
- C. *Plan Coming:* Mr. Onderdonk discussed that the former Walgreens site , which is now vacant and a developer is proposing the demolition of the existing building and replacing it with a mixed use office building with small stores on the first floor primarily facing Scott Ave.

**8. OTHER BUSINESS**

Ms. Lin mentioned that the Boy Scouts were searching for Eagle Scouts projects. Projects must include a planning component. Several possibilities were discussed, including the building of the Glencoe bird mascot birdhouses.

**9. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME**

Ms. Olson reported that no public comments were received during the GSTF meeting.

**10. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN**

Then there being no further business to come before the Sustainability Task Force, a motion was made to adjourn and was unanimously adopted by all those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:02 p.m.