

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE (GSTF)

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, February 25, 2020 -7 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Chair Schimmelpenninck called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

The following Task Force members were present:

Elsabé Schimmelpenninck, Chair	Dudley Onderdonk
Sandy Culver	Catherine Procopi
Lisa Fremont (Called-In)	Larry Reilly
Linda Lin	Jennifer Varela
Hall Healy	

The following Task Force members were not present:

Peter Mulvaney, Vice Chair
Gray Drobny
Ashley Kain Silver

Also present were:

Megan Olson, Staff Liaison
Barney Gallagher
Helyn Latham

2. CONSIDER THE JANUARY SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Upon motion made by Chair Schimmelpenninck,, seconded by Ms. Lin and unanimously adopted by those present, the meeting minutes for the January 28, 2020 meeting were approved.

3. ECO DISTRICTS

A. Review Data on Assigned Priorities

Chair Schimmelpenninck led discussions on the research members were tasked with compiling at the last meeting. Discussions primarily focused on which agencies that the STF should engage with regarding setting goals and objectives for the EcoDistrict Roadmap. The following agencies were discussed:

- Village Public Safety
- Schools
- Local Healthcare Providers
- Social workers
- Senior centers
- Family Services
- Angel Fund
- Community Partners for Affordable Housing
- Glencoe Chamber
- Botanic Garden
- Forest Preservation
- Glencoe Park District
- Glencoe Library
- Scout Organizations
- Religious institutions
- Faith and Places Initiatives
- Glencoe Community Garden
- Lakeshore Recycling Systems
- Go Green Illinois

- CMAP
- MWRD
- IDNR
- Great Lakes Alliance

B. Next Steps

Action Point: Make recommendations for Key Performance Indicators (IKPIs) relevant to each EcoDistrict initiative.

The option of an internship was also discussed, and it was agreed that this would be discussed with the Village together with a future option to have a green consultant working for all entities in the Village to ensure alignment.

Action Point: to be discussed with the Village.

4. PESTICIDES PRESENTATION AND DISCUSSION

A. Mr. Gallagher presented background information on the regulation of pesticides, including the FIFRA, the state Pesticide Preemption Law and 1991 Mortimer Supreme Court case that ruled that absent state law to the contrary, local governments can regulate pesticide use. Also discussed was the Go Green Illinois campaign to repeal the preemption legislation for home rule communities. After discussion it was agreed that the main point to inform the Villagers/ Golf Courses of the effects of the use of pesticides and fertilizers and to further discuss a possible Village Board resolution with Mr. Mulvaney.

Action Point: Mr Gallagher and Mr. Healy to draft an awareness program and Mr. Mulvaney to be informed.

5. WATER METER UPDATE

A. Staff Liaison Megan Olson provided the update listed below to the GSTF. At the December 19, 2019, Village Board Committee of the Whole Meeting, staff updated the Village Board on their efforts to research water meter technology and options on moving forward. Currently, staff has worked with legal to produce a Request for Proposal (RFP) for Smart Meter technology that will provide residents with consumption data and assist the Village's efforts to reduce the amount of unaccounted water. Contingent upon timing, staff will present the results of the RFP to the Board on March 19 at the Village Board Meeting and Ms. Olson will subsequently update the GSTF.

Action Point: Ms. Olson and Ms. Valera to discuss social media water awareness posts.

5. PUBLIC AWARENESS-SOCIAL MEDIA TUTORIAL

A. Ms. Varela presented an information on the number of followers on the Village's social media platforms, which the GSFT uses for its own social posts. The procedure for posting was discussed as well as the potential benefits and drawbacks of hosting separate GSFT social media platforms from the Village. Ms. Varela also told GSTF members how they could help rise the task force's profile and work by liking, sharing, and commenting on GSFT posts and using the #SustainabilityStar.

6. UPCOMING PROJECTS AND EVENTS

A. Recycling and Donation Day, April 18

Project Lead Lisa Freemont updated the GSTF on the Donation and Recycling Day. The event will take place on April 18 from 10 a.m. to 1 p.m. on the same day as the Village Clean Up Day, or curbside pickup. The event has also been relocated to the southeast Metra commuter lot at 290 Park Avenue. The vendors have been secured and the communication plan is in the works.

- B. March 2: Go Green Matters
- C. March 28: Earth Hour
- D. April 9: Book presentation – Simple Living Well, sustainability initiative of a Glencoe resident on Instagram.
- E. May 2: Glencoe Beach Clean-Up Day
- F. August 1: Green Bay Trail Day
- G. TBD: LRS-Will It Recycle?

7. DISCUSSION ON CURRENT INITIATIVES ONLY IF A DECISION IS REQUESTED

A. Business Recognition Program

None.

B. Water Conservation

- a. Mr. Onderdonk proposed to form a small subcommittee to explore water conservation. Culver and Reilly agreed to be a part of the subcommittee.
- b. Hall asked for an update of the Water Plant Study. Staff Liaison Olson agreed to have an update ready for the next meeting.

C. Energy Reduction

None.

D. Recycling

See Recycling Event April 18th and “Will It Recycle? Event”

E. Ravines

None.

F. Stormwater

None.

G. Public Awareness

None.

H. Transportation

Update from the ATP; meeting held with Village Public Works departments and implementation of the plan is ongoing.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. Glencoe Anchor Article Schedule Update

GSFT members all agreed to write an article once per month for the Glencoe Anchor. See attached schedule.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT

A. Miss Procopi announced that her school group has produced a sustainability climate change podcast which has since been submitted to NPR.

10. ADJOURNMENT

There being no further business to come before the Sustainability Task Force, upon motion made, seconded and unanimously adopted by those present, the meeting was adjourned at 9:12 p.m.