

**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Draft Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, May 26, 2020– 7:00-9:00 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 (virtually) present:

Elsabé Schimmelpenninck, Chair

Linda Lin

Peter Mulvaney, Vice Chair

Dudley Onderdonk

Sandy Culver

Catherine Procopi

Lisa Fremont

Larry Reilly

Hall Healy

Jennifer Varela

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

Gray Drobny

Ashley Kain Silver

Also present were:

Megan Olson, Staff Liaison

Barney Gallagher

Helyn Latham

Tina Hostert

2. OPENING/MEMBER CHECK-IN/ICE BREAKER

Chair Schimmelpenninck 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 was holding its first virtual meeting. 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 must submit public comments via voicemail or email.

GSTF members then described some of the sustainability projects that they have been working on both individually and as a result of the April STF “mini meetings.”

3. CONSIDERATION OF THE FEBRUARY 25, 2020 STF MEETING MINUTES

Upon a motion made by Vice Chair Mulvaney and seconded by Mr. Healy and unanimously adopted by all those present by roll call vote, the meeting minutes for the February 25, 2020 were approved.

4. MINI MEETING OVERVIEW

A. Hall Healy: Businesses and Schools

Discussion centered on discussing group’s ideas with the Village and Ms. Olson agreed to set up meeting with mini group to listen to their ideas and their plans to execute their ideas. Also discussed was the Village’s ongoing conversation about potentially reconfiguring street usage in the downtown commercial district to allow for more seating for restaurants as they observe social distancing

requirements. Ms. Olson agreed to send Mr. Healy and group the link to the May 21 committee of the whole's discussion of the matter. Concerns from the members also centered around how to limit waste that could arise from the outdoor seating venture. Group agreed that there also needs to be more education about "compostable" eating utensils.

B. *Pete Mulvaney: EcoDistricts And Pesticides*

Mr. Mulvaney updated the group on EcoDistrict progress, including meetings with EcoDistrict staff. Mr. Mulvaney also asked for a one-page summary explaining EcoDistricts to share with the Planning Commission. The resolution regarding the regulation of pesticides for home-rule communities and the community educational component were also discussed. Ms. Olson explained that the matter is being discussed with the Village President and if the Village could express for the matter in a more meaningful way. Mr. Healy and Mr. Gallagher continuing to work on community education programing.

C. *Larry Reilly: Water and Solar*

Mr. Reilly gave an update of his group's mini meeting, including an article that the group was working on regarding water conservation. Ms. Olson and Mr. Reilly agreed to discuss the Sustainability Task Force solar projects.

D. *Jennifer Varela: Social Media and Recycling*

Ms. Varela's group discussed how unused items, especially from the school, due to the Stay-At-Home order could be donated instead of thrown away. Also discussed were the organic swaps that were occurring in the community, such as books, toys, and puzzles, and if there was any way that it could be better facilitated.

5. STAY-AT-HOME SUSTAINABLE PROJECTS BRAINSTORMING SESSION

Ideas that resulted from the Brainstorming session, as well as the member check-in and the mini-meeting discussion, included:

- "Sidewalk Chalk Plant Labels" project which could be encouraged throughout the Village and could encourage more knowledge of native plants.
- Green Lawn care, which could include education about water conservation, pesticides, and gas leaf blowers.
- Restarting efforts on ravine management
- Discussion with Village Water Utility to better understand water quality and water production processes
- Drive-In Movie with Park District, assuming "green" documentary showing....(Or *Wally* or *FernGully: The Last Rain Forest* for the kids)
- "Here's What I'm Doing to Be Green" articles
- Tree Tour, using Village tree asset map with scavenger hunt element
- Ideas for Library programing
 - SWANNC programing on what can be recycled
 - "Will It Recycle" with LRS
 - Promoting Meatless Mondays
 - Botanic Garden Expert (Native Plants?)
 - Water Conservation, including Rain Ready Program and Water Meter experts

See table in attachment for information on who volunteered and which projects have not yet been assigned.

6. VILLAGE UPDATES

A. *Clean-Up/Recycling And Donation Day*

The next Donate and Recycle Day will be on Saturday, October 10, followed by the Village Clean-Up Day on October 17.

B. *Sustainability Intern*

Sustainability Internship unlikely to go forward this year. Members working to research EcoDistricts and Ms. Varela expressed interest in creating the social media calendar.

C. *Water Meters*

Ms. Olson gave update on the Village water meter project, which was approved in March by the Village Board and water meter communication projects, including newsletter and water meter webpage at www.villageofglencoe.org/watermeter.

7. DISCUSSION ON CURRENT INITIATIVES AND ASSIGNED TASKS

ONLY IF A DECISION IS REQUESTED -

No discussion of initiatives was requested.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

A. *Social Media*

STS sustainability messaging on Village social media will start again in June.

B. *Glencoe Anchor Closing*

Chair Schimmelpenninck announced that the Glencoe Compass has agreed to print four of the STF's articles per year. Village will also be setting up a blog in June for the STF.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

Public comments were received from Mr. Gallagher and Ms. Hostert regarding input on brainstorming items.

10. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN

Other Business: Members were asked if there was any other business, and Mr.

Healy stated that the STF had other business. STF members held up homemade signs thanking Chair Schimmelpenninck for her work as chair. Poems were read by Ms. Fremont and Mr. Healy in honor of the occasion.

Then there being no further business to come before the Sustainability Task Force, upon motion being made, seconded and unanimously adopted by all those present, the meeting was adjourned at 8:55 p.m.