

**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Draft Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, December 8, 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 (joined at 8:17 p.m.)

Catherine Procopi

Larry Reilly (left at 7:37 p.m.)

Jennifer Varela

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

Sandy Culver

Ashley Kain Silver

Also present were:

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 OCTOBER 27, 2020 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 October 27, 2020 were approved.

4. LIBRARY WEBINAR PLANNING (APRIL)

Chairperson Gallagher asked the group if any member had ideas for the April library webinar as the topic needs to be finalized by January 15, 2021. Mr. Healy volunteered to organize a webinar on birdwatching. The GSTF members agreed and hoped that the topic would include information about how bird migrations are being affected by climate change and how residents can create bird habitats in their backyards. Also discussed was a possible contest to designate an official Glencoe bird and then build species specific bird houses and install the houses in strategic locations around Glencoe.

The GSTF members also discussed the need for more members to share the subcommittees' work as well as more representation from the schools, particularly Central School. A motion by Trustee Mulvaney to engage the Village about the increasing the GSTF membership was put forward. The motion was seconded by Ms. Varela and unanimously passed by rollcall vote. Chairperson Gallagher volunteered to speak with Village Manager Phil Kiraly about the matter.

5. DONATE AND RECYCLE DROP-OFF EVENT

At the previous meeting, the task force agreed to continue discussing the date(s) for the 2021 Donate and Recycle Drop-Off Event and follow-up during the December task force meeting. The Recycling and Waste subcommittee continued to discuss options and dates in the meantime and were confident that another event could be safely held during the pandemic. The 2021 Donate and Recycle Drop-Off Event date would be Saturday, May 22 and the GSTF agreed to go forward with planning the event.

The GSTF members continued to stress some key points regarding the Donate and Recycle Drop-Off Event. Several points included stressing the importance of bringing (clean) quality items for donation and pre-event education. The idea of separating the event into two separate events, one for donating and one for recycling, was also discussed again to reduce confusion. The group agreed to continue with the event as is for at least the next event, acknowledging that recycling is a confusing topic in general and that the event will go smoother once residents know what to expect.

The frequency of trash pick-up was also discussed during this time and the benefits of a pay-as-you-go program for solid waste. Ms. Fremont also took the lead on reviewing the "Will It Recycle" webinar and creating a document to capture the information shared in the webinar.

6. 2020 ACCOMPLISHMENTS DISCUSSION

Chairperson Gallagher lead the discussion on GSTF 2020 accomplishments. Some of the highlights included the Donate and Recycle Drop-Off event, buy-in to the Eco-Districts concepts, library webinars, subcommittee organization, GSTF social media presence, GSTF public awareness, and GSTF vehicle stickers.

7. 2021 MEETING CALENDAR

After a brief discussion, the GSTF agreed to meet at the same frequency and time in 2021 as they have in 2020. A motion was made by Trustee Mulvaney and seconded by Ms. Fremont to continue to meet on the fourth Tuesday of every month at 7 p.m. The motion was unanimously passed by all present during a rollcall vote.

8. SUBCOMMITTEE PLANNING DOCUMENT REVIEW

The GSTF reviewed three subcommittee action planning documents: the Green Lawns Initiative, the Sustainable Business Initiative, and the Water Use, Protection and Conservation Initiative. These action plans can be found in the meeting agenda packet. (The members decided to postpone reviewing the Recycling and Waste Initiative.) Members provided a number of comments and feedback for the plans for subcommittee members to incorporate into their plans, including webinars or blog posts in the plans.

Also discussed was using the lumber from the trees to be removed for the 1801 Green Bay Road Subdivision to create benches. Other members thought that the aforementioned bird houses could also be made from the wood.

Mr. Onderdonk also discussed the upcoming Park District renovations at Kalk Park. Kalk Park is a community gathering place but there are areas in the park with drainage issues due to increasingly intense wet periods of weather. After discussion, the following motion was put forward by Mr. Healy and seconded by Trustee Mulvaney:

As stormwater management is a key strategic initiative of the Sustainability Task Force we are concerned by the Park District's current plan to drain stormwater from Kalk Park directly into the Village storm water sewers into Lake Michigan. We respectfully request that the Park District consider an alternative design which utilizes subsurface storage/retention. The retained water could be used for irrigation of the park during periods of drought as well as a means of refilling mobile water tanks utilized by the Park District. This would reduce the impact of Kalk Park stormwater on the stormwater system and Lake Michigan.

The motion as passed by roll-call vote of all members who were present, except Mr. Onderdonk who abstained. Chairperson Gallagher agreed to draft the letter and send to the Park District. The letter is attached.

9. GLENCOE COMMUNITY BOARD AND COMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)

- A. Village:** Ms. Olson reported that the Glencoe Village residents and small businesses would soon be eligible to sign up for the municipally sponsored CS2 Residential Community Solar Program subscription. Participants in the program will save 20 percent on their electric bill charges while supporting solar developments in the state of Illinois without installing solar panels on their roof.
- B. Park District:** Mr. Onderdonk reported that the Schuman overlook stabilization project has been completed and similar work will occur at the South Overlook in 2021. The Connect Glencoe Trail is also nearing completion, as recommended by the Glencoe Active Transportation Plan.
- C. Library:** Ms. Lin reported that the Glencoe Public Library is closed to the public at this time due to the pandemic. Many of the library services remain available, including curbside pickup, inter-library loan and virtual programming. The Friends of the Glencoe Library are not accepting book donations at this time, so there remains a need for a book donation option for residents.

10. OTHER BUSINESS

There was no other business brought before the GSTF at this time.

11. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

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

12. 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.