

**VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE**

**Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, August 23, 2022- 7:00 p.m.**

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

The regular meeting of the Glencoe Sustainability Task Force was called to order by Chair Barney Gallagher at 7:07 p.m. on the 23rd day of August, 2022.

The following Task Force members were present:

Barney Gallagher, Chair

Lisa Brooks

Tina Hostert

Helyn Latham

Catherine Procopi (arrived at 7:14 PM)

The following task force members were absent:

Peter Mulvaney, Vice-Chair

Bob Breisblatt

Joshua Markus

Larry Reilly

Laurie Tuckman

The following Task Force member was present via telephone:

Linda Lin

Also present were:

Oliver Ernst, Volunteer

George Krafcisin, Volunteer

Jessica Kinzelman, Volunteer

Rosie LaLonde, Volunteer

Bradley Levison, Volunteer

Georgia Mihalopoulos, Volunteer

Suzanne Strusiner, Volunteer

Jeff Mawdsley, Staff Liaison/Public Works Management Analyst

Chair Gallagher stated that a quorum of Task Force members was not present.

2. CONSIDERATION OF THE JULY 26, 2022, STF MEETING MINUTES

- Due to the lack of a quorum, no action was taken to approve the July 26, 2022 minutes.

3. PLANS FOR “SUSTAINABILITY SOIREE” EVENING

- Chair Gallagher reported that invitations have been sent.
- Chair Gallagher said that there will be a meeting to finalize the plans.
- The event will be split into two parts. The first will be a social time, and the second will be split into discussion groups focused on sustainability components in the upcoming comprehensive plan.

4. COMPREHENSIVE PLAN

- Chairperson Gallagher explained the overall process to develop a new comprehensive plan for Glencoe. He said that the STF would be part of the process and that they would be interviewed by the Village's consultant: Teska and Associates.
- In preparation for the meeting, Chair Gallagher started a document in Google Drive for members to contribute ideas. He encouraged everyone to go through the document and contribute ideas.
- Chair Gallagher anticipates that Teska would be ready to meet with the STF in October.

5. LEAVE THE LEAVES

- Ms. Lathym reported that the Green Lawns Group is will be meeting soon to discuss
- There was some discussion on how to promote this using revised yard signs and mailers, along with providing more information on how to do it. The discussion was focused on communicating with residents on how to work with their contractors to accomplish this.
- Analyst Mawdsley will investigate using leaf mulch in the Village Hall pollinator garden.

6. CARBON FOOTPRINT EXERCISE

- Chair Gallagher presented a tool to calculate a person's carbon footprint. The goal is to promote this to increase awareness. He asked the STF for feedback about it. The feedback was that it was time-consuming to look up the information that it needed to calculate the footprint.

7. WRITER'S THEATER OPEN HOUSE/DIST 35 NEW FAMILY EVENT

- Chair Gallagher said that Writer's Theater is having an open house on September 18, and District 35 is having a new parent night on September 14. The STF will have a booth at both events. He asked for volunteers to help pass out information and answer questions.

8. GPD FOLLOW UP MEETING

- Chair Gallagher and Ms. Brooks discussed having a working session between the STF and the Park District's Green Team.
- Chair Gallagher will coordinate a meeting with representatives of the Green Team and members of the various STF teams.

9. CART TAGGING UPDATE

- Ms. Hostert gave an update on the progress of the Cart Tagging Program.
- Ms. Hostert asked for additional volunteers to help with the program. She would need a team of six.

10. CALL FOR NEW MEMBER APPLICATIONS

- Analyst Mawdsley reviewed the efforts by the Village to formalize the STF in the Village Code.
- There was a general discussion about the number of appointed members of the STF.
- Chair Gallagher invited any volunteers to apply for appointed membership to the STF.

11. SUBCOMMITTEE UPDATES (AS NEEDED)

- **Public Awareness:**
 - Ms. Hostert reported that Natalie Kroft developed a social media campaign around waste reduction that the Village will push out through its channels.
 - Chair Gallagher said he would work with the Council for Inclusion and Community on ways to push the Village to make some improvements to the website.
- **Water, Trees & Ravines:**
 - Mr. Gallagher will circulate the Village's Urban Forestry Plan in preparation for the formation of the Tree Commission.
- **Recycling & Waste:**
 - Ms. Lathym reported that the bread tag recycling program is being run in conjunction with District 35.
- **Sustainable Business:** Ms. Mihalopoulos reported the Sustainable Business committee is working on the following initiatives:
 - Ways to reduce food waste in downtown food service businesses.
 - Reducing the distribution of single-use plastics.
 - Working with the Chamber of Commerce to complete a survey of the downtown businesses about sustainability attitudes
 - Reviving the Sustainable Business recognition program.

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

- A. **Village:** Analyst Mawdsley reported on the following:
 - He attended a workshop on composting sponsored by SWANCC and SWALCO. The workshop presented information on general trends in mass composting and new ways that various public agencies are using compost.
 - The Village has taken possession of the electric vehicle and is working to integrate it into the fleet.
- B. **Park District:** Mr. Brook reported that the Park District Celebrated National Bee Day on August 20. The Park District had a special program highlighting bees and beekeeping.
- C. **Library:** Ms. Lin reported the library is looking for a consultant to help them develop a strategic plan, and sustainability was included as one of the things they want to look at. Chair Gallagher also reported that the STF is co-sponsoring a library program on nature solutions in urban environments on September 28.

13. OTHER BUSINESS

- There was no other business.

14. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

- There was no public comment.

15. CLOSING FAREWELL AND ADJOURN

The meeting ended at 9:02 p.m.