

VILLAGE OF GLENCOE
SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE

Meeting Minutes
Tuesday, June 25, 2019 -7 p.m.

1. CALL TO ORDER AND ROLL CALL

Vice Chair Mulvaney called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

The following Task Force members were present:

Sandy Culver
Gray Drobny (arrived at 7:42 p.m.)
Lisa Fremont
Peter Mulvaney, Vice Chair
Dudley Onderdonk
Elsabe Schimmelpenninck van der Oye
Jennifer Varela

The following Task Force members were not present:

Hall Healy, Chair
Catherine Procopi
Ashley Kain Silver
Larry Reilly

Also present were:

Megan Meyer, Assistant to the Village Manager

2. CONSIDER THE MAY 28, 2019 SUSTAINABILITY TASK FORCE MEETING MINUTES

Ms. Fremont moved, seconded by Vice Chair Mulvaney, to approve the minutes of the May 28, 2019 Sustainability Task Force minutes. The motion was approved by a unanimous voice vote.

3. COMMITTEE OF THE WHOLE PRESENTATION FEEDBACK

Ms. Schimmelpenninck van der Oye summarized the Task Force's presentations on proposed solar energy programs and the EcoDistricts community certification framework, made to the Village Board at the June 18 Committee of the Whole meeting. She noted the Board's positive feedback and encouragement for moving forward with both initiatives. Relating to the EcoDistricts framework, she explained that staff needs to consider what sustainability initiatives are currently being done, versus what the framework guidelines include and then make a manageable plan moving forward. Vice Chair Mulvaney spoke to timelines for implementation and would like the Task Force to work with Village staff to develop a timeline with periodic check-ins and clearly defined measures of success. The Task Force agreed to draft a memo to the Village Board to address key questions. Mr. Onderdonk inquired if the Village had plans to move forward with hiring a sustainability intern soon to help with the framework development, to which Ms. Meyer indicated that a timeframe for that has not yet been established. Vice Chair Mulvaney encouraged the Task Force to engage residents in the EcoDistricts process as well.

4. SOLAR PROGRAM RECOMMENDATIONS - NEXT STEPS

Ms. Schimmelpenninck van der Oye continued the recap of the Committee of the Whole presentations, moving to a discussion of the various solar energy options presented to the Village Board for feedback. With the Board's encouragement to explore the options presented, the Task Force discussed conducting an analysis of which municipal buildings in the community might be suitable for solar panels. To move the analysis forward, the Task Force is interested in issuing a request for proposals for a consultant to conduct such an analysis, potentially in partnership with the Park District, Library and District 35.

Relatedly, Vice Chair Mulvaney expressed interest in the Village also working toward achieving SolSmart Silver designation (already having the SolSmart Bronze designation) which would further bolster its commitment to making solar projects in the community easier to achieve from a permitting standpoint. Ms. Meyer committed to working with Mr. Reilly (absent) on the various solar initiatives, including determining next steps for the request for proposals.

5. RAVINE CONDITIONS ASSESSMENT AND WORKSHOP

Ms. Fremont reported that since the first Ravine Workshop hosted by the Task Force in April 2017, Lake County has conducted a conditions assessment of area ravines, including those in Glencoe. With the new assessment in mind, the Task Force discussed having a follow-up workshop to discuss the results, either with Longwood Avenue ravine property owners or with all ravine property owners in the community. Various formats for the next workshop were discussed, including the potential of having a larger presentation and break-outs for each specific ravine area. The Task Force was interested in having representatives from the Village or an outside agency who could bring an engineering perspective to the discussion, as well as someone from the Ravine Alliance and the Lake County Storm Water Management Agency. The Task Force also expressed the need for more education on ravine maintenance generally, as well as a desire to share a summary of the assessment with all Glencoe ravine property owners.

6. FOURTH OF JULY PARADE PLANNING

Ms. Varela shared that the Task Force has registered for the Village's Fourth of July Parade, with the goal of raising awareness of the Task Force and sustainability generally. To this end, a number of plans have been made including having ordered Task Force shirts for members (and friends) and small buttons to hand out as giveaways along the parade route. The Task Force discussed reaching out to other sustainability-minded groups in the community to invite their participation as well.

7. UPDATES ON GNTF PROJECTS

Water Conservation

Mr. Drobny explained that he and Ms. Procopi have been developing information to pass out to classmates pertaining to their proposed "Adopt-a-Drain" program. With school now out of session, the team plans to pick the project back up in the fall.

Recycling

Ms. Culver shared about her partnership with a New Trier student who is attempting to increase recycling at the high school. The Task Force discussed reaching out to the New Trier School Board as well as the high school's environmental science teachers to build on the student's efforts. Mr. Drobny recommended simple efforts such as adding signs

explaining what can be recycled above bins, while Ms. Varela suggested conducting an audit of how much the school is throwing away versus recycling.

Sustainability Lectures at the Glencoe Public Library

The Task Force discussed the need to regroup on the sustainability events at the Glencoe Public Library. The Task Force agreed to reach out to the Library for assistance and direction on topics and frequency moving forward.

Stormwater Mitigation

The Task Force discussed stormwater mitigation, as well as general water conservation, tips that might be shared in future social media and other Task Force promotions. Among the tips were reducing microfiber pollution and decreasing dependence on home tissue products.

Print and Digital Media

The Task Force discussed the schedule for the sustainability column in the *Glencoe Anchor* and the concept of expanding the Task Force's submissions to include a spotlight on sustainable local businesses. The Task Force considered different formats for the spotlight including a separate column or an add-on to the current submission, with a special logo and callout. The Task Force agreed to revisit the schedule for the articles at the next meeting.

Also, related to promotions, Ms. Culver recommended bringing an interactive rain barrel painting booth to the Glencoe Festival of Art.

8. OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Schimmelpenninck van der Oye shared an update on Green Bay Trail Day hosted by the Friends of the Green Bay Trail (FGBT), which is coming up on Saturday, August 3. The Task Force has submitted information to the FGFBT promoting a zero-waste event and has also helped to coordinate recycling and composting bins for the event, in partnership with the Village and Lakeshore Recycling Systems.

Mr. Onderdonk also shared an update on an upcoming tour of downtown Glencoe, with an emphasis on planning and design, to be hosted by the Chaddick Institute on Thursday, July 16. Task Force members were invited to participate. Ms. Schimmelpenninck van der Oye agreed to give a brief presentation about the Active Transportation Plan (ATP) at the event.

9. PUBLIC COMMENT TIME

There were no comments from the public.

10. SUMMARIZE AND OUTLINE NEXT STEPS

No further discussion.

11. 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 8:56 p.m.