

ALTERNATIVE EQUIPMENT – LEAF BLOWER REVIEW REGIONAL WORKING GROUP MEETING NOTES

24 February 2022

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Virtual Meeting

Attendees

1. Drew Irvin
2. Justin Keenan
3. Marc Hornstein
4. Joe Kenney
5. Samantha Leno

Scope of Work

Following is the scope of work for the regional working group that was identified by the Sub-Committee Group.

- a. Technical/specification review of commercial technologies (gas, battery, electric) equipment and how such technology meets or does not meet service demands
- b. Cost(s) of various commercial equipment and necessary components (charging stations, etc.).
- c. Explore options to phase-in regulations to address any technology or cost burdens
- d. Exemptions due to technology or other reasons may include:
 - Resident use of equipment
 - Public Property
 - Golf courses
 - Other land in excess of X acreage
- e. Consider financial incentives and possible buy-back options

Notes

Using the Go Green Wilmette leaf blower regulation database, the group discussed common criteria municipalities use while regulating leaf blowers, such as encompassing leaf blowers in their noise ordinance.

The group discussed how these ordinances are enforced, who enforces them, which party is fined, and how much the fine is.

Drew and Samantha discussed leaf blower regulations from municipalities nationwide that the Village of Lake Bluff reviewed in the past.

Next Steps

- Drew, Justin, Marc, Joe, and Samantha will spot-check the leaf blower regulations on Go Green Wilmette's existing database.
- Drew, Justin, Marc, Joe, and Samantha will evenly divide and research the Chicagoland communities on Go Green Wilmette's existing database to research the communities' enforcement strategy, the effectiveness from 1 to 5 on their current regulations, and the public meeting minutes of when the leaf blower regulations were discussed.
- Samantha will research 51 additional North American communities' ordinances who have placed regulations on leaf blowers.

Next Meeting

The next meeting is to be determined.

Respectfully Submitted,

Drew Irvin
Village Administrator, Village of Lake Bluff