

**Village of La Grange Park
Sustainability Commission – Minutes
Monday, February 25, 2019**

The meeting of the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission was called to order at 7:03 p.m. on Monday, February 25, 2019 at the La Grange Park Library.

1. Call to Order - Commission Chair Krista Grimm called the meeting to order. Members include:

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| Krista Grimm, Commission Chair | Present | Ann Wiegand-Kamal, Commissioner | Absent |
| Matt Holmes, Commissioner | Absent | Donna Twickler, Commissioner | Present |
| Jeff Nee, Commissioner | Present | John Buzzelli, Commissioner | Absent |
| David Mrazek, Commissioner | Present | | |

Also present was Village Manager Julia Cedillo serving as Village Staff Liaison.

2. Public Comment – Visitor Austin Corbett who lives on Barnsdale Road stated that he did some research on the Village’s website and became aware of the Village’s new trash service, renewable energy and the Sustainability Commission and thought he would come to the meeting and learn more. Visitor Richard Kasner of the Western Springs Green Team attended the meeting to observe the group’s issues and ideas.
3. Introductions – Each person in the group introduced themselves.
4. Approval of Minutes – January 21, 2019 minutes were approved. Jeff Nee made the motion to approve the minutes. The motion was seconded by David Mrazek and passed unanimously.
5. New Business –
- a. Garden Club. Krista will be a guest speaker at the upcoming Garden Club Meeting on Monday, March 4th. They have asked her to speak on the topic of composting (among other topics), and so she requested any available materials.
 - b. Facebook – David reported that Facebook continues to do well. He noted that One Earth Film Festival posted on Facebook (Venues around Chicago, take entries around February 28th through March 8) was very popular. David provided the detailed engagement statistics for the Facebook page.
 - c. Earth Month Lecture Series. Krista noted that Ann will do the publicity. The dates and programs are as follows:
 - i. (Ann Wiegand-Kamal is coordinator) ***Wild Ones Native Plantings and Landscapes*** – Most likely Saturday, April 6th
 - ii. (Krista Grimm is coordinating) ***Recycling*** with a Presentation from Lakeshore Recycling Systems – Most likely April 11th
 - iii. (Jeff Nee is coordinator) ***Solar Panel and Free Home Energy Audits*** – either April 18th or April 23rd, but most likely April 23rd. Jeff will be finalizing with ComEd.

The group noted that they need to firm up dates on these sessions and then get the information to Ann so that she can do the marketing and fliers. Krista noted that The Wild Ones presentation requires cost for the speaker, at \$130. Julia noted that the Village could accommodate the speaker cost.

6. Old Business

- a. **Holiday Light Recycling – 1,352 pounds collected**
- b. **Other – none.**

7. Open Discussion

- a. **Krista noted that Saturday, April 27 is National Drug Take Back Day. The Village confirmed that they will be participating. The group offered up volunteers if the Police Department needed it. Julia noted that she would check.**
- b. **Donna noted that Illinois may be expanding its drug take back to liquids. The group will watch for changes.**
- c. **Donna noted that with all of the incentives available for solar energy, that she will be paying just 1/3 of the total cost of solar panel installation.**
- d. **The group asked Mr. Kasner about its Styrofoam Recycling Program. He noted that it takes place in Western Springs on the first Saturday of every month in Western Springs. Questions should be directed to Wendy Vichick at (708) 784-0275.**

8. Next Meeting Date - Monday, March 18th, 2019

- 9. **Adjournment – Dave Mrazek made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jeff Nee and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 7:42 P.M.**

Respectfully Submitted by:  Julia Cedillo, Village Manager