

**Village of La Grange Park
Sustainability Commission – Minutes
Monday, January 21, 2019**

The meeting of the La Grange Park Sustainability Commission was called to order at 7:20 p.m. on Monday, January 21, 2019 at the La Grange Park Library.

1. Call to Order - Commission Chair Krista Grimm called the meeting to order. Members present included: Krista Grimm, Ann Wiegand, Donna Twickler, Jeff Nee, Ann Wiegand-Kamal. Members Absent: David Mrazek, John Buzzelli and Matt Holmes. Also present were Village Manager Julia Cedillo and Public Works Director Rick Radde as Village Staff Liaison.

2. Public Comment – Joe Pawasarat attended the meeting to see how and if he can become involved in the Commission. Sue Klein from Western Springs attended to get an idea of what efforts are being made by the Sustainability Commission so as not to duplicate those efforts.

3. Approval of Minutes – November 19, 2018 minutes were approved. Jeff Nee made the motion to approve the November 19, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ann and passed unanimously.

4. New Business – Green power Partner EPA – 85.1 %

Krista first provided some background to the group that the Village of La Grange Park has been focused on its Sustainability Plan and the reduction of carbon emissions in a number of areas including water and air quality. She explained that while recycling efforts have provided benefit to the community, it is alternate energy supply and retrofits that have resulted in a measurable impact.

There was some discussion on the new Styrofoam Recycling Program in Western Springs. It takes place on the first Saturday of the month in Western Springs and has been advertised in the Village's (La Grange Park) weekly electronic newsletter, E-Briefs.

Krista announced the Village's achievement as a Green Power Community Partner under the EPA, where 85.1% is attributable to green power, making the Village the highest in the nation, percentage wise. The group discussed power supply aggregation under the Village's current program.

Donna spoke to her experience of installing solar panels at her home. She said that the process has been great and that the incentives are strong. However, the solar companies do not communicate with ComEd very well and the process can be slow moving.

The group discussed the possibility of providing an educational series of lectures at the Library as part of Earth Day/Month. The group came up with the following general topics and assigned commission members to develop those sessions:

- a. Recycling (need name here)
- b. Solar Panel (Donna)
- c. ComEd and Free Home Audits (Jeff)
- d. Wild Ones (Ann)

5. Old Business

- a. Holiday Light Recycling – Rick will reach out to Ryan

- b. Turkey Oil Recycling Results – We took in ½ as much. The event lasted 2 hours.
- c. Facebook – 373 Likes (+12 from last month) Holiday Lights 1,900 views; Green Power EPA 1,100 views; Styrofoam Recycling, Sustainable Eating, Wolf Packs, Sisters Going Green also had many views.
- d. Future Articles for Publication. Some ideas included:
 - i. Household Salt Brine
 - ii. Efficient Vehicles
 - iii. Round Up Article (processed food)
 - iv. Email any other ideas.
- e. Other – none.


6. Open Discussion

7. Next Steps – Develop ideas for Earth Month Lecture Series

8. Next Meeting Date - Monday, February 25, 2019

9. Adjournment – Ann Wiegand made a motion to adjourn. The motion was seconded by Jeff Nee and passed unanimously. The meeting was adjourned at 8:43 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted by:  _____ Julia Cedillo, Village Manager

Signed by:  _____ (Krista Grimm, Chair)