

**Village of La Grange Park  
Sustainability Commission – Minutes  
Monday, April 3, 2023**

The La Grange Park Sustainability Commission meeting was called to order at 6:04 pm on Monday, April 6, 2023.

1. Commission Chair Twickler called the meeting to order. Members include:

Donna Twickler, Commission Chair	Present	Katie Conway, Commissioner	Absent
Krista Grimm, Commissioner	Present	Kelly Burns, Commissioner	Present
Mark Cohen, Commissioner	Present	Kathy Johnson, Commissioner	Present
Joe Marino, Commissioner	Present		

Also present was Public Works Director Rick Radde, serving as Village Staff Liaison.

2. Public Comment – Dave Bryant with the La Grange Green Team came to listen, and so did resident Julie Chomko. Julie spoke on gas-powered blowers and if anything could be done to ban them.

3. Approval of Minutes – March 6, 2023, was presented. Commissioner Marino made a motion, and Commissioner Grimm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. New Business

a) April 29 from 9:00 am to noon. Chair Twickler asked if any commissioners were available that day to have a booth and provide educational handouts. Mark Cohen stated he thought he could but wanted to verify before committing.

5. Old Business

a) Earth Day Ideas

a. Volcano Mulching handouts.

b) Tree of the Month/Tree Walk

a. No Update.

c) Volcano Mulching of Parkway Trees

a. Rick provided the final map of the community split into five sections with Commissioners each having a section.

b. Handouts were provided for Commissioners to pass out, including labels to affix to the handout with the Village logo.

c. Rick will ask Maggie if Youth Commissioners were available too.

d) Waste Reduction Plan

a. Kathy, Julia, and Rick will have a meeting soon to discuss.

b. Dave Bryant stated that the Go Green committee will have a booth at the La Grange Farmers Market.

- e) Municipal Energy Usage
    - a. Rick to get information from Santori Energy. Commissioner Marino asked if the committee wanted Gas and water included in the report.
    - b. Public Works is working on updating the Energy Start Portfolio Manager. Commissioner Marino will work with Rick to update.
  - f) Reusable School Supplies Project
    - a. Commissioner Grimm created a timeline with the next steps.
    - b. May 30<sup>th</sup> - June 9<sup>th</sup>, drop off dates. June 10<sup>th</sup> is the sorting day.
    - c. Public Works will host the drop-off and sorting day.
  - g) Facebook
    - a. Stats – 590 followers up three, 2 posts, 1 new message from the public, 22 engagements, and reached 182 accounts.
  - h) Future Articles
    - a. No Update
6. Open Discussion
- a. Donna asked about Youth Commissioners helping with volcano mulching handouts.
  - b. Someone posted a question to the Sustainability Facebook page asking if the clothing drive will occur this year.
  - c. What educational handouts does the commission want to provide at the booth for Salt Creek clean-up day?
  - d. Native Plant Tour – Tentative dates are July 23 or July 30, 2023. Time TBD
8. Next Meeting Date – May 1, 2023, at the Village Hall
9. Adjournment – Commissioner Burns made a motion to adjourn. Commissioner Johnson seconded the motion. A roll call vote was taken, and the motion passed unanimously. The meeting adjourned at 7:45 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rick Radde  
Village of La Grange Park  
Public Works Director