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**Village of La Grange Park
Sustainability Commission – Minutes
Monday, June 5, 2023**

The La Grange Park Sustainability Commission meeting was called to order at 6:05 pm on Monday, June 5, 2023.

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

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

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

2. Public Comment – Several community residents attended the meeting to voice their opinions on Gas Powered Blowers – a topic of discussion on tonight’s agenda.

3. Approval of Minutes – May 1, 2023 minutes were presented. Commissioner Johnson made a motion to approve the minutes as presented, and Commissioner Grimm seconded the motion. The motion carried.

4. New Business

Gas-Powered Blowers - The Commission received a concern/complaint regarding gas-powered blowers. The Commissioners agreed to create additional educational materials in regards to noise and carbon emissions pollution these 2-cycle engines create when used. Educational materials created will be posted on the Village’s Sustainability Webpage, Facebook account, and at events.

5. Old Business

- a) Native Plant Tour
 - a. July 23rd, between the hours of 1 p.m. and 4 p.m.
- b) Tree of the Month/Tree Walk
 - a. No Update.
- c) Volcano Mulching of Parkway Trees
 - a. Commissioners passed out pamphlets throughout the community where improper tree mulching of parkway trees occurred.
- d) Waste Reduction Plan
 - a. Kathy, Julia, and Rick will try and set a meeting before the next meeting.
- e) Municipal Energy Usage
 - a. No update.
- f) Reusable School Supplies Project

- a. Commissioner Grimm stated the event was taking place on June 9 between 8 a.m. and 12: 30 p.m. She stated the need for more volunteers for the event. Asked if the Village could push out another special e-brief, and post it on Facebook.
- g) Facebook
 - a. Post on Facebook the school supply takeback project and seek volunteers.
 - b. Articles on Gas Powered Blowers
- h) Future Articles
 - a. Renewable Energy – LPGK was #1 in the country years back, but going down.
 - b. Donna to provide an article for the Rose Clippings.
- 6. Open Discussion
 - a. Clothing Swap is scheduled for July 31st or August 13th.
- 8. Next Meeting Date – July 10, 2023, at the Public Works facility
- 9. Adjournment – Commissioner Grimm 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 7:16 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,



Rick Radde
Village of La Grange Park
Public Works Director