



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, March 7, 2023

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chair Sheila Rutledge at 8:30 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

PRESENT	Cronin Cahill, Evans, Garcia, LaPlante, and Rutledge
ABSENT	Covert

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

Chair Rutledge provided a couple of updates on different topics. She mentioned that the state of Illinois is in the process of banning plastic food foam ware. With regards to Lake Shore Recycle Transfer Station Plan in West Chicago, it has been approved and will move on to the next phase. Due to questions from local officials regarding the train derailment, Chair Rutledge is advising those to contact Chris Snyder, Director of Transportation. There was discussion on the affect the train derailment would have on the environment and how the coalition of townships will be addressing those concerns.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus with International Dark Sky reported the agencies in which he has recently gotten involved with. He added that he recently met with the Zoning Coordinator in DuPage County regarding possible ordinances. Mr. Barcus mentioned the upcoming events he will take part of, including an event held by SCARCE.

Executive Director of SCARCE, Kay McKeen, mentioned the 25 recycling events that are currently scheduled. Ms. McKeen reviewed the SCARCE workshop with local educators on Teachers Institute Day. She mentioned upcoming events to continue educating the public and Earth Flag dates.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-1051](#)

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RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. DISCUSSION

6.A. [23-1052](#)

2023 Illinois General Assembly Recycling Legislation

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, mentioned three significant recycling bills that are under review to push into the Legislative Committee agenda. The Paint Recycling bill will apply an eco-fee on every can of paint that is sold in Illinois and applied toward recycling it. Like the previous bill, the Carpet Stewardship bill will include a fee that will be applied to the cost of the carpet to properly recycle the material afterwards. The third bill is the Packaging and Paper Stewardship Act. The next step for the Packaging and Paper Stewardship Act is to have an amendment be filed and receive feedback from stakeholders.

7. STAFF REPORTS

7.A. Arbor Day Event

Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, announced an event that will be opened to the DuPage County and the DuPage County Health Department employees in recognition of Arbor Day. The event will be held on April 28th, 2023 in the atrium, a few days in advance of Arbor Day, to allow employee participation. During this event, employees will be provided a tree or shrub and be educated on the benefits, proper planting, and continuous care of the tree or shrub. The expected cost is to not exceed \$600, with an expectation of purchasing a total of about 500 trees or shrubs from an in-state nursery.

7.B. 2023 Forest Preserve District of DuPage County Propane Tank Recycling Partnership

Environmental Specialist, Austin Knight, announced the return of the DuPage County Propane Tank Recycling Program in partnership with the Forest Preserve District. In previous effort to recycle propane tanks from local campgrounds, a crate was temporarily placed for those camping onsite. Roughly 35 lbs was collected from the Blackwell Forest Preserve Campgrounds last year. The propane tank collection crate will be returned to the campsite in late April to early May 2023 for camping season.

8. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

9. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

10. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:51 AM.