



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Final Summary

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Tuesday, June 6, 2023

8:30 AM

Room 3500A

1. CALL TO ORDER

8:30 AM meeting was called to order by Chairwoman Sheila Rutledge at 8:32 AM.

2. ROLL CALL

Other Board Members present: Member Yeena Yoo.

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

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

No remarks were offered.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus with Dark Sky, provided an update on events he has attended and a recent grant he has applied for through Home Depot.

Tom Halan, resident of DuPage County, spoke on of his concerns on noise pollution in his community.

4.A. [23-2061](#)

Public Comment - June 6, 2023 by Tom Halan

Attachments: [Public Comment 6-6-2023](#)

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

5.A. [23-1991](#)

Environmental Committee Minutes - Regular Meeting - Tuesday, May 2, 2023

Attachments: [Environmental Committee - Tuesday, May 2, 2023 Draft Minutes](#)

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sadia Covert
SECONDER:	Paula Garcia

6. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL

6.A. [EN-R-0017-23](#)

Acceptance of additional funding for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency.
Solid Waste Management Grant FY22 Intergovernmental Agreement No. SWM22320 in

the amount of \$10,000.00 (Under the Administrative Direction of the DuPage County Environmental Division)

Attachments: [Intergov Agreement Amendment SWM22320](#)

RESULT: APPROVED AT COMMITTEE

MOVER: Cynthia Cronin Cahill

SECONDER: Sadia Covert

7. PRESENTATIONS

The order of 7.A., 7.B., and 8.A. were changed in the meeting to accommodate for presenters and staff.

7.A. What Is Plastic and Why Should We Care? - Go Green Glen Ellyn

President and co-founder of Go Green Glen Ellyn, Jacquelyn Casazza provided a presentation on the impact of plastic. Plastic is a combination of polymer and additives. It is used for multiple items such as medical equipment, children's toys, and automotive parts. Due to its components being lightweight and inexpensive, its production is nearly ten billion tons since 1950. Half of the plastic produced is single use, therefore much of the plastic produced is still in existence. Plastic has broken down and been found in water, plants, and animals. Ms. Casazza spoke on the data gathered and how the chemicals in plastic, "classified as endocrine disrupting chemicals", are hurtful to human bodies in a variety of ways. Go Green Glen Ellyn is willing to support the Environmental Committee in researching and planning to reduce single use plastic consumption and pollution. Member LaPlante stated she would like to see this type of approach in the committee.

7.B. SCARCE

Executive Director of SCARCE, Kay McKeen, provided a presentation on multiple events either held or attended by SCARCE. The Earth flag was recently awarded to Edison Middle School. SCARCE has made continuous efforts to collect smoke detectors and dispose of them appropriately on behalf of the community. They are also expecting to hold about 27 Recycling Extravaganzas in the year 2023. Ms. McKeen announced upcoming events such as the SCARCE Open House and the STEM-A-PALOOZA.

8. DISCUSSION

8.A. [23-1992](#)

Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Services Follow-Up Survey

Chairwoman Rutledge opened for discussion on the Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Survey. Member Yeena Yoo relayed concern over the length of the survey and the possibility to add image content, such as a table, for comparison. Joy Hinz, Environmental and Sustainability Programs Manager, agreed with adding image content and working with GIS in doing so. The committee came to a consensus to move forward with the questions on the Waste and Recycling Hauling Survey.

Attachments: [Survey Memo](#)
 [Unincorporated Waste and Recycling Hauling Services Follow-Up Survey](#)

9. OLD BUSINESS

No old business was discussed.

10. NEW BUSINESS

Member Evans expressed interest in removing single use plastics in vending machines at the DuPage County grounds cafeteria. Member Covert added that she can discuss this topic during the Strategic Planning Committee to implement the idea for all committees.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 9:06 AM.