



DU PAGE COUNTY

Environmental Committee

Summary

421 N. COUNTY FARM ROAD
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Tuesday, February 6, 2024

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

Member Evans arrived at 8:31 AM due to attending another committee meeting.

Other Board Members present: Member Patty Gustin and Member Yeena Yoo

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

3. CHAIRWOMAN'S REMARKS - CHAIR RUTLEDGE

Chair Rutledge gave an update on the Single Hauler efforts mentioning that 6 townships have placed it on their ballots. The website with the survey and other information will be emailed to the members for them to share with their townships to see their results.

Chair Rutledge thanked the Conservation Foundation for allowing her to give opening remarks for their Environmental Summit and shared information she believed to be important and valuable such as Ample Harvest.

Chair Rutledge also shared that Kay McKeen and her SCARCE team worked with a grocery store to donate an excess delivery of strawberries and bananas they had received, keeping all of it out of a landfill.

4. PUBLIC COMMENT

David Barcus with Dark Sky International gave updates with Home Depot becoming compliant with Dark Sky nationally and an update on Brookfield Zoo and the timeline over the next few months in regards to gaining more compliance with Dark Sky. Barcus also shared the success and savings of the adaptive lighting system in the parking lots at a college campus.

Kay McKeen, Executive Director of SCARE, provided updates about the Repair Fair that took place in January and will be taking place again in May. McKeen shared information on the scrap metal company, Capital Metals, that uses a new technology to sort and recycle non ferrous metals and provided a look ahead at upcoming SCARCE events including workshops and teacher field trips.

5. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**5.A. [24-0566](#)**

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

6. PARENT COMMITTEE APPROVAL**6.A. [EN-R-0001-24](#)**

DuPage County Electronics Recycling Program 2025 Notice of Participation

RESULT:	APPROVED AT COMMITTEE
MOVER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill
SECONDER:	Sadia Covert

6.B. [24-0567](#)

Recommendation for the approval of an Agreement between the County of DuPage, Illinois, eWorks Electronics Services, Inc. and Reverse Logistics Group Americas, Inc. to provide electronics recycling to residents of DuPage County.

RESULT:	APPROVED
MOVER:	Sadia Covert
SECONDER:	Cynthia Cronin Cahill

7. STAFF REPORTS**7.A. [24-0568](#)**

2024 Sign Recycling Event

RESULT:	PRESENTED
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7.B. Avoid the Spark Illinois Campaign

Environmental Specialist, Austin Knight, shared the battery education campaign. This campaign will be launching around National Battery Day, February 18, 2024. It will focus on dangers of rechargeable lithium batteries, how to properly store batteries and where to dispose of them. A few of the members discussed how to reach out to those whose primary language isn't English and Member Covert offered her assistance in her resources for those translations.

8. PRESENTATIONS

Choose DuPage Program Performance Report

Senior Vice President of Choose DuPage, Rita Haake, summarized the performance report conducted by Choose DuPage and The Smart Energy Design Assistance Center (SEDAC) from March 1, 2023 to December 31, 2023. The Green Business Program was developed to aid in the sustainability, regional economic development, and reduction in waste and greenhouse gas emissions for businesses countywide. SEDAC created checklists for businesses to help improve sustainability and recognize areas of savings. SEDAC and Choose DuPage worked together to conduct assessments of 10 businesses and 11 facilities that would help determine the most popular green business practices. They continue to raise awareness to businesses using outreach programs through social media, direct mail and webinars.

9. OLD BUSINESS

Member Garcia encouraged that the County continue to pursue more sustainable alternatives to single use plastic bags.

10. NEW BUSINESS

No new business was discussed.

11. ADJOURNMENT

With no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:58 AM.