

Go Green Park Ridge Oct. 2019 Members' Meeting Minutes

Date	Time	Location
02 November 2019	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Facilitator: Amy Bartucci	Note Taker: Tracey Edsey
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Attendees: Amy Bartucci Tracey Edsey Mark Kleinschmidt Lauren Maloney Tim Milburn Catherine Inserra	Guests: Catherine Vittalo (Main South HS Intern) Larry Ryles (D64 School Board Member) Laura Dini (Carpenter Mom)
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Agenda: NLC

Discussion: School Board member, Larry Ryles, attended the beginning of tonight's meeting to specifically inquire about and bring up the issue of biosolids. D64 and PRPD share some green spaces. There is some recent concern about the use of biosolids on greenspace in Park Ridge. Midwest Grows Green does not endorse nor dispute the use and has stated that they trust the science of the MWRD (which distributes the biosolids). Green space fertilized with biosolids cannot be called certified organic though there is much research supporting the use of biosolids in a sustainable lawn care program. D64 has been looking to the Park District for guidance. This summer, D64 applied one biosolid treatment and the Park District has applied biosolids a few times over the last few years. It was brought up that there was no required signage posted to inform the community regarding the use of biosolids. The group agreed that there should be signage as is for any lawn product application. **Action: Members are encouraged to attend the special PRPD meeting on 11/14.**

Agenda: Introductions

Discussion: Members and guests introduced themselves to the group.

Agenda: Membership

Discussion: Go Green Park Ridge has the need for a membership coordinator. Mark Kleinschmidt volunteered to become the new membership coordinator. Discussion ensued regarding how to encourage people to pay dues or find out if they are interested. **Action: Mark will follow up with a list.**

Agenda: Main South High School Go Green Intern

Discussion: Main South intern, Catherine Vittalo received a SWANCC grant for \$850. She intends to use the grant to purchase sorting stations for the MS lunchroom. The Environmental Club also received a grant through the D207 Education Foundation. The EC was able to use it to make and laminate signs for the sorting stations.

Agenda: District 64

Discussion: In the last meeting with Dr. Olson 10/28, GGPR continued to encourage adding sustainability education and practices in the upcoming rewrite of the D64 strategic plan. Sue Sirvinkas and Tracey Edsey were invited to visit D64 lunchrooms to observe lunch room practices. The goal is to unify D64 lunchrooms regarding composting and recycling so everyone has similar practices. **Action: Sue, Tracey, and Lauren M will collaborate on engaging with D64 leaders as well as PTO/A's regarding the lunch room.**

Agenda: Reboot Committee

Discussion: There will be a Reboot meeting 11/18 @ Whole Foods at 8pm. The committee will continue to discuss GGPR receiving 501c3 or 501c4 status.

Agenda: SLURP

Discussion: The SLURP Committee will meet at Whole Foods 11/18 @ 7pm right before the Reboot Committee meeting.

Agenda: Park Ridge Sustainability Task Force

Discussion: Tim reported that the STF is finalizing a sustainability plan for PR. The goal is to integrate it into the city's comprehensive plan as sustainability has notably become more important to the city. There was discussion about collaborating with the schools districts. The PRSTF will put on a free climate change presentation at the PRPL 11/13 @ 6:30.

Agenda: Farmer's Market

Discussion: A survey to vendors was sent out regarding incorporating sustainable practices at the market. Next season Lauren, an intern, and volunteers will wander the market catching people "being green". They will handout reusable and sustainable items as prizes. There was mention of having the STF having a table at the market.

Agenda: One Earth Film Festival

Discussion: GGPR is looking for a volunteer chairperson as a point person for this annual festival. Maybe the STF could get involved. The festival takes place in March. Lauren brought up that GGPR could have a "Find Our Greta" contest in PR too. **Action: Mark, Tim, and Amy will continue discussions.**