

## Go Green Park Ridge April 2019 Members' Meeting Minutes

Date	Time	Location
09 April 2019	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Episcopal Church

<b>Facilitator:</b> Amy Bartucci	<b>Note Taker:</b> Tracey Edsey
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<p><b>Attendees:</b>          Lorie Bartel          Amy Bartucci          Carol Becker          Andrea Bochat          Robert Bowe          Erin DeGroot          Ellen Dishneau          Shannon Donley          Tracey Edsey          Cindy Grau          Mark Kleinschmit          Adrienne Jackson          Lauren Maloney          Annie McDonough          Catherine McDonough          Chris Mest          Tim Milburn          Sean O'Leary          Jen Panattoni          Jane Piel          Elizabeth Ryles          Mandy Skoskiewicz</p>	<p style="text-align: center;"><b>April Dates to Remember</b></p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● 4/16 Green Drinks will host Friends of the Chicago River 7pm @ Beer on the Wall</li> <li>● 4/18 Chamber of Commerce Event: Verde Business After Hours at Harp &amp; Fiddle 5-6:30pm</li> <li>● 4/22 Free Solar Power Presentation at the Park Ridge Public Library 7pm</li> <li>● 4/23 Clean Energy Town Hall at the Elk Grove Village Town Hall. 6:30-9pm</li> <li>● 4/27 Earth Day Event @ Maine Park 11am-3pm</li> </ul>
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*Congratulations to members Rebecca Little, Carolina Sales & Cindy Grau who were elected to serve on the School Board and Park Board!*

**Agenda: NLC**

**Discussion:** The City of Park Ridge voted unanimously to use organic fertilizers and an organic herbicide to replace Roundup on Location A & B spaces! None of the products chosen pose any known health threats to our community. Natural Lawn Care page on website still under construction.

**Agenda: Park Ridge School Districts**

**Discussion:**

D64: GG is waiting for news about the Stonyfield Playsafe grant GG applied for with Ron DeGeorge as D64 transitions off Trugreen chemicals. Lincoln Middle School will be the pilot location.

D207: Bids went out recently and were accepted. They use Powerzone. Replacement of this product is something for GG to work on in the future.

**Agenda: One Earth Film Festival Spring 2019**

**Discussion:** The showing of Youth Unstoppable was a successful event. It played to a full house. Many thanks to director Slater Jewell-Kemker & Kyle for sticking around for the panel discussion after the movie.

**Agenda: SLURP & Earth Day at Maine Park April 27th 11am-3pm**

**Discussion:** Members Annie and Catherine discussed ideas for the Park District Earth Day event. There are plans for an Instagram contest, (there are 100 followers now), encouraging people to post a photo. A collapsible straw that attaches to a key chain was passed around for a potential prize. The SLURP team and Maine South E Club will be at the GG table at Earth Day event on 4/27. A budget was voted upon and passed for \$210 towards Earth Day and SLURP supplies. There will be a selfie station at the GG table set up by Georgi Whalen and local H.S. Green Team students.

**Four local restaurants have signed the SLURP pledge so far: Cafe Orchid, Harp & Fiddle, Hay Caramba! & Silvers! Stop in for a meal or a drink to show your support.**

**Agenda: Action Ridge Event May 9th @ The Park Ridge Community Church 7PM**

**Discussion:** Cam Davis from the Metropolitan Water Reclamation District will speak at the Park Ridge Community Church. There will be a Q & A after. Please come!

**Agenda: Door Hanger Tags**

**Discussion:** Discussion continues if GG should purchase door hanger tags to remind neighbors who throw out, for example, live Xmas trees or big box Styrofoam from TVs, etc. that the city collects and recycles certain items.

**Agenda: Restructuring Membership Meetings/Expanding Membership**

**Discussion:** Amy proposed an idea to encourage more leadership over GG committees. Members will choose which group or groups they are interested in joining. Instead of the whole group meeting once a month, committees would meet on their own time. There could be meetings of the whole group quarterly. GG will maintain virtual membership as well. GG will send out a survey to find out what our members prefer.

Jen and Amy brought up *Green Business Star* award program and how local businesses can self nominate for their sustainable practices via a check list. The Chamber of Commerce Event on 4/18 will be a good place to promote this effort.

**Agenda: PR Park District**

**Thank You PRPD!**

**All Park Ridge Parks are NLC this year!**

**Discussion:** The park district staff will continue discussions over the plan for Oakton Park on April. 18th at Prospect Park - Wohlers Hall - 7pm. There is concern that the plan may call for paving over the little green space we have. Please attend this meeting to show your concern for considering green space into the plan. This plan may go to the community in a voter referendum.

**Agenda: Friends of the Parks**

**Discussion:** Friends of the Parks annual Pedals for the Parks "pre-driven" bike sale will be held April 27th from 9am-1pm at Centennial Park. See link for details:

<https://www.prparks.org/Events/List/ArtMID/964/ArticleID/968/Pedals-for-the-Parks-Bike-Trike-Exchange>

On 6/6, there will be a speaker at the Nature Preschool who will discuss "Making Your Yard a Natural Play Space" @ 1pm. Mark your calendars and tell your friends!

**Agenda: SPRiGS**

**Discussion:** Met 4/7 to discuss the conservation of green space. See link to their Facebook page for more information: <https://www.facebook.com/groups/306673229994974/>

**Agenda: Community Health Commission**

**Discussion:** There will be a **Health Fair June 22nd at Hodges Park**. Members voted for GG to donate 1/2 of the cost with Collective Resource, Inc. GG is looking for volunteers to be there with Erin for this event. Email Tim if you are interested in an additional table. SPRIGS will have a separate table.