

# Go Green Park Ridge January 2019 Members' Meeting Minutes

Date	Time	Location
08 January 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>          Amy Bartucci          Robert Bowe          Catherine Inserra          Tracey Edsey          Cindy Grau          Melissa Hulting          Mark Kleinschmit          Adrienne Jackson          Rebecca Little          Lauren Maloney          Tim Milburn          Sean O'Leary          Chris Paron          Nan Parson          Elizabeth Ryles          Lorie Bartel</p>	<p><b>Guests:</b></p>
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<p><b>Agenda:</b> <u><i>Available Balance</i></u>  <b>Discussion:</b> Balance \$1623.29</p>
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<p><b>Agenda:</b> <u><i>Public Works &amp; Local Recycling Information</i></u>  <b>Discussion:</b> GGPR plans to make cards or door hangers next year to remind residents about Xmas tree pick up and other misc. curbside things.          Recycling Dates and Reminders:</p> <ul style="list-style-type: none"> <li>● Xmas tree pickup this week. Bring the unwrapped tree to the curb on your garbage day.</li> <li>● Bring block Styrofoam to Public Works now until 1/25 for recycling.</li> <li>● Bring holiday lights to Public Works now until 3/1 for recycling</li> <li>● UPS always takes the air-filled "pillow packs" used to cushion shipped items.</li> <li>● Natural (not plastic) wine corks are compostable. They are often collected for projects. Ask around.</li> </ul>
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<p><b>Agenda:</b> <u><i>Election 2019</i></u>  <b>Discussion:</b> The questions for the candidates are typed and finalized. Copies were passed out to members at the meeting. <b>GGPR</b> will endorse member candidates <b>Cindy Grau</b> for the park board and <b>Rebecca Little</b> and <b>Carol Sales</b> for the school board. All candidates welcome campaign volunteers. If any members would like to host a "tea" to meet the candidates, please contact GGPR. All candidates have Facebook pages and will have likely websites up and running. See agenda for Green Drinks.</p>
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<p><b>Agenda:</b> <u><i>City of Park Ridge's Future Commitment to Sustainability</i></u>  <b>Discussion:</b> Members debated whether an environmental "task force" is best solution for the city to commit to right now or if GGPR should make public statement to the city to form a Commission. A task force has an expiration date as opposed to a commission which is permanent. It was reported that the mayor thinks a</p>
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task force is most feasible at this time and may pave the way for a future sustainability commission. Members also talked about how to ask the candidates whether they would support a sustainability committee coming FROM the task force for the future of the city of Park Ridge.

**Agenda: Dist. 64 & Natural Lawn Care**

**Discussion:** Members talked about how get D64 to add sustainability to their new strategic plan and possibly rewriting and/or submitting the sustainability document GGPR gave to the district in 2016. Amy suggests D64 establishing a working group to tackle sustainability. D64 has been receptive to adopting NLC and purchased machinery so they can do their own lawn care to save money in the future and improve the health of the community by phasing out harmful lawn chemicals.

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

**Discussion:** One film, "Youth Unstoppable." will be shown at the Pickwick this year on March 2 @ 10AM. Regarding sponsorship, members preferred GGPR to donate \$300 and partner with the Park Ridge Health and Youth Commissions. Each commission would donate \$100 and sponsor the event using the city logo. If the commissions are unable, GG will donate \$250. We will also spend \$70 for kiosk posters Uptown.

**Agenda: Green Drinks 7PM January 15th @ Beer on the Wall**

**Discussion:** Our guests will be members of the FAiR Allocations in Runways non-profit group. On February and March 19th GGPR would like to invite the local candidates to speak at Beer on the Wall. We will ask them to R.S.V.P. GGPR is looking for hosts for that event.

**Agenda: Park District**

**Discussion:** The park district will be discussing solar in a meeting this week and looking into rebates for renewable energy. Members were encouraged to help find applicants for the board vacancy.

**Agenda: SLURP**

**Discussion:** Nan will talk to the new pizzeria owners about not offering straws to customers. It is a Park Ridge family who are opening the restaurant.

**Agenda: Farmers Market**

**Discussion:** Please consider applying to serve on the market committee. They are looking for members. It would be good to have a greater "green" presence at the market.

**Agenda: March 5th Meeting 7PM Grauer Lounge @ St. Mary's Episcopal Church**

**Discussion:** Mark your calendars! GGPR will co-host a League of Women Voters event. There will be a civil discourse presentation with Catherine Johns as the guest speaker.