

Go Green Park Ridge October 2018 Members' Meeting Minutes

Date	Time	Location
02 October 2018	7:00 pm	St. Mary's Episcopal Church

Facilitator: Amy Bartucci	Note Taker: Tracey Edsey
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Attendees: Amy Bartucci Andrea Bochat Erin De Groot Tracey Edsey Cindy Grau Patty Hempel Chris Mest Tim Milburn Nan Parson Jane Piele	Guests:
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Agenda: <u>Donation to St. Mary's Episcopal Church</u> Discussion: The Bowes will present Lurvey gift card to St. Mary's on behalf of GGPR
Discussion: <u>Member Dues</u> Agenda: Cindy Grau is collecting yearly dues. Dues can also be paid via Chase Quickpay: gogreenparkridge@gmail.com ; checks can be made out to Amy Bartucci-Go Green Park Rldge and mailed to 530 N. Ashland Ave.
Agenda: <u>Election 2018</u> Discussion: Amy presented old questions from GGPR for candidates who ran in the 2016 election. If you have questions for the current candidates running in all local elections in 2019, please submit them to Amy.
Agenda: <u>Electronics Recycling & Document Shredding @ Park Ridge Public Works October 20th 9am-12pm</u> Discussion: There will be no textile recycling this year. Goodwill accepts them in a bag marked textile recycling and North Face has bins in their stores. Also, there is a USAgain bin at the Oakton Ice Arena - rebates earned through the USAgain bin there go towards the Wildwood Nature Center. Tim is looking into citywide textile collection.
Agenda: <u>Green Drinks</u> Discussion: Green drinks will be at Harp And Fiddle 10/16 @ 7pm. Presentation about oaks and stormwater management by Chicago Region Trees Initiative, Robyn Flakne.
Agenda: <u>Park Ridge Park District</u> Discussion: Cindy Grau will be running again this spring for Park Commissioner. The PRPD has been discussing preliminary construction plans for Oakton - conversation then centered around how important it is to keep an eye on the oak trees on the property.

Agenda: Natural Lawn Care

Discussion: District 64 has been receptive to tackling NLC concerns. There will be a walk through of the green spaces they maintain. It is scheduled for 10/31 @ 1pm at Washington School. The contract Dist. 64 has with TruGreen is due to expire soon. Ryan of MPAC will be there to discuss NLC with district representatives as well as prioritize high traffic areas vs low traffic areas. Please attend if you wish to show your support for the district adopting NLC.

Agenda: Sustainable/Community Garden

Discussion: There is a proposed community garden in the works with The Park Ridge Community Church. The church has plans for raised beds, handicapped accessible beds and paths and a children's' garden. Construction is planned for this April.

Agenda: Composting

Discussion: Cindy Grau mentioned that St. Luke's is hosting the "Sunday Supper" dinners and there are efforts to make the events waste free with Collective Resource, Inc service. These dinners start at 5:30 each Sunday. If you wish to volunteer, contact Cindy. Also, sidenote: Mayor Maloney will host a pumpkin compost collection on Nov 3rd at Public Works from 9 til noon.

Agenda: SLURP

Discussion: GG Northbrook has inquired about the SLURP campaign. GGPR will share information and materials. Nan will approach the new restaurant opening up next to the Pickwick.

Agenda: Farmers Market

Discussion: Skokie Farmers Market employee has shown interest in what GG is doing. A small group may meet at Green Drinks this month to discuss collaborating.

Agenda: Community Health Commission

Discussion: Park Ridge hosted Greenest Region Compact meeting. It was a great turnout of attendees. They discussed renewable energy goals. Mayor Maloney was supportive of green energy. Solsmart will help write the solar policy for the municipality. The city officially applied. There may be a sustainability plan on the horizon. The mayor supports the idea of a sustainability task force. Details are still being discussed. Member Tim Milburn has been accepted to be on the commission for another two years.

Agenda: Bike and Walk Task Force

Discussion: New signage will arrive soon. The task force is working with Dist. 64 to plan safe bike routes for students.

Agenda: SPRiGs

Discussion: The City of Park Ridge turned down the appeal to cut down twelve more trees at Shibley Oaks -only three permits were approved as those trees met requirements under our ordinance. T shirt sales are happening to get the SPRiGS mission out into the community.