

# Go Green Park Ridge Sept. 2019 Members' Meeting Minutes

Date	Time	Location
03 September 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>          Mary Allen          Lorie Bartel          Amy Bartucci          Carol Becker          Rob Bowe          Shannon Donley          Tracey Edsey          Cindy Grau          Catherine Inserra          Adrienne Jackson          Mark Kleinschmidt          Rebecca Little          Lauren Maloney          Catherine McDonnough          Chris Parson          Nan Parson          Carol Sales</p>	<p><b>Guests:</b></p>
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<p><b>Discussion:</b> <i>First Meeting of the Season</i>  <b>Agenda:</b> Introductions</p>
<p><b>Discussion:</b> <i>Accounting</i>  <b>Agenda:</b> Current balance \$1001.88 Should we spend to increase reach on social media with a sponsored ad? Do we want to keep the \$25 membership fee? There are approx. 25 active members and more virtual. Send membership dues to Amy Bartucci or via Chase Quickpay GGPR@gmail.com.</p>
<p><b>Agenda:</b> <i>Membership &amp; Meeting Structure</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> GG will form a "Reboot Group" for the longer term vision of GG. Amy B. will be leaving in 4 years. GG will need to fill her place as group leader. Amy reviewed current bookkeeping spreadsheet and payment methods. 60% surveyed members thought officer elections would be beneficial. Amy will research how to restructure GG, for example, how to develop bylaws, voting for officers, and how to seek 501c3 vs. 501c4 status if warranted and report to the Reboot group.</p>
<p><b>Agenda:</b> <i>Committees</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> GG presently has 3 committees (NLC, SLURP, Schools)</p>
<p><b>Agenda:</b> <i>Green Drinks</i>  <b>Discussion:</b> To clear up confusion among some members, Cindy stated that Green Drinks was supported by, but a separate entity from GGPR. It is an international movement that grants special permission to use the name "Green Drinks" officially. GGPR will continue to support Green Drinks and encourage attendance. Thank you to Cindy for transitioning this group in Park Ridge! The next Green Drinks will be at Harp &amp; Fiddle 9/17 @ 7pm. The Park Ridge Sustainability Task force will be presenting.</p>
<p><b>Agenda:</b> <i>Latest Survey Results</i></p>

**Discussion:** The majority of members supported creating an Endorsement Election Committee. How to structure TBD since it is not an election year.

**Agenda: *SLURP***

**Discussion:** Cocktail straws still an issue regarding restaurants supporting the SLURP campaign. SLURP team is meeting on the side with a small business owner who created a paper straw who would like to get the straws into our restaurants.

**Agenda: *NLC***

**Discussion:** The committee needs to revisit the fact that the Park Board and School Dist. do not have codified natural lawn care policies. There was a suggestion that signs help indicate the use of NLC in green spaces.

**Agenda: *SPRIGS***

**Discussion:** SPRIGS sold many t-shirts at the Health Fair and Farmer's Market this summer. There is a large contingent of people in Park Ridge interested in supporting the group. Issues SPRIGS will attend to are as follows: What is the state of the farm near Main South HS and what to do about trees if a sports complex is built. Last count there are 32 trees at Oakton. GG wants to clarify that it supports the mission of SPRIGS, but SPRIGS is separate from GGPR.

**Agenda: *Sustainability Task Force***

**Discussion:** The STF land group is giving away tree saplings at the Farmer's Market 9/21, 9/28, 10/5 & 10/12. This is to support restoring the canopy we have lost in Park Ridge. Please consider planting a tree on your property. The City of Park Ridge also plans to plant more trees.