

**CITY OF MENASHA  
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD  
Common Council Chambers  
140 Main Street, Menasha**

**Tuesday, February 18, 2013**

**Minutes**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Linda Stoll at 6:02 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Present: Danielle Handler, Roger Kanitz, Linda Stoll, Kathy Thunes, Paul Van de Sand

Also Present: Mayor Merkes

Excused: Ed Kassel

**C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**

(five (5) minute time limit for each person)

No one spoke

**D. MINUTES TO APPROVE**

1. Sustainability Board minutes, 1/21/2014

Motion made by Kathy Thunes and seconded by Paul Van de Sand to approve the minutes of the May 21<sup>st</sup> 2013 Meeting

Motion carried.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS**

Kathy Thunes reported on the activities of the Sustainably Community Network including:

- Plastic bag and plastic film recycling opportunities and educational efforts including a website at [www.plasticfilmrecycling.org](http://www.plasticfilmrecycling.org)
- Torbjörn Lahti book tour in the Fox Valley will include events for the public, business community, elected officials and municipal employees on April 28<sup>th</sup> & 29<sup>th</sup>.
- There are over 30 partner activities to be included in the Earth Week listing for the Fox Valley the website is located at [www.ecos-foxvalley.com/earth-week-partnership](http://www.ecos-foxvalley.com/earth-week-partnership)

**F. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. City of Menasha Energy Usage

Members discussed City's continuing goal of reducing electric usage at its main facilities by 1% each year. The Deputy Director of Municipal Operations will join the group to report on 2013 results and prospects for 2014

2. Waste Management

Winnebago County may begin to accept additional types of plastic for recycling in 2014 members questioned if this would have an effect on the City's recycling program and pickup frequency.

3. Spring Recycling Event, Saturday April 26<sup>th</sup> 8AM-Noon

Members discussed producing a flyer to give event participants providing information on area recycling options (including bags and plastic film) as well as City energy reduction and sustainability accomplishments. Batteries will not be able to be accepted this year, members are researching ways to accept in the future without increasing costs. St. Vincent de Paul will partner with the event to accept household goods and clothing.

4. Livable Communities

No report

5. Menasha Farm Fresh Market

Surveys from the market showed that vendors are generally satisfied; however, accessibility can be an issue for loading. The 2014 farm to table dinner is in the planning stages.

6. River-Gen Project

Students and faculty at UW Platteville on board to begin the project approximately 13 people. The project fits well with UW's sustainability curriculum. The project will have a time frame of approximately two years.

7. Sustainability Website

Suggestions and discussion regarding useful items as well as other websites that could be models. The website should show City accomplishments and farm market as well. Outagamie County Recycling site and Oshkosh Sustainability both good models.

G. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Paul Van de Sand and seconded by Kathy Thunes to adjourn at 6:57 p.m.

Motion carried.

*Minutes submitted by DJM*