

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

Tuesday, September 16, 2014

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Linda Stoll at 1:15 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Roger Kanitz, Linda Stoll, Kathy Thunes

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, 4/15/2014

Motion made by Roger Kanitz and seconded by Linda Stoll to approve the minutes of the April 15th 2014 meeting

Motion carried.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

F. REPORTS

1. Sustainable Communities Network of the Fox Valley Meeting

Items discussed at the meeting included sustainability indicators, tree ordinances, Torbjorn Lahti event. SCN looking at potential of creating region wide sustainability indicators that could be used to gauge each community's sustainability efforts in relation to the area.

G. DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. City of Menasha Energy Usage

Continued exploration of changing out HPS streetlights with LED as they fail throughout the community. Discussion regarding if there should be a more formal policy to complete conversion of neighborhoods after a certain percentage have been replaced or just at failure. ROI appears to be approximately 4 years currently, however, final rates have not been approved by Menasha Utilities and WI PSC.

Committee requested an energy use annual report to continue tracking usage in city facilities, compare to peers, and find appropriate item to update that have high ROI.

2. Waste Management

New plastic items will be collected county wide for recycling later this fall, potential November roll out. The city plans to include increased frequency of pickup in the 2015 budget.

Electronic recycling event planned for October 4th, will include batteries, car seats, as well as household goods recycling through a partnership with St. Vincent de Paul.

Committee requested an waste management annual report to continue tracking usage in city, compare to peers.

3. Livable Communities

The board discussed potential opportunities to further update the City's forestry ordinance and if the updates could improve opportunities for grants as the state turns to a canopy cover model for its urban forestry goals.

Discussed opportunities for involvement in invasive species removal at the conservancy as well as opportunities for bird habitat that may offer further grant opportunities for the conservancy area.

Linda Stoll attended Valley Transit meeting, discussion regarding usage being down due to challenges due to road construction in the 47-441 area leading to delays, looking for municipal funding for the connector system

4. Menasha Farm Fresh Market

Farm to table dinner was a sell out and offered good networking opportunities to attendees as well as showcasing local foods initiatives and projects happening in the downtown and riverfront areas.

5. River-Gen Project

Paul working to network with new advisor at Platteville.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Kathy Thunes and seconded by Linda Stoll to adjourn at 2:40 p.m.

Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by DJM