

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
Common Council Chambers
140 Main Street, Menasha
Tuesday, February 21, 2012
Minutes**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Chairperson Linda Stoll at 6:35 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Linda Stoll, Paul Van de Sand, Chris Bohne, Kathy Thunes

Also Present: Lisa Miotke, Energy Services Representative, Menasha Utilities

Excused: Roger Kanitz, 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. January 17, 2012

Moved by Paul Van de Sand, seconded by Chris Bohne to approve minutes of January 17, 2012.

Motion carried.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

1. Sustainable Business Exchange information

Linda Stoll will attend this event.

F. REPORTS

1. February Sustainability Board Report (Roger Kanitz)

Board reviewed report

G. ACTION ITEMS

1. Earth Day recycling event and Sustainability Board member volunteer list

Kathy Thunes, Linda Stoll, Chris Bohne, and Roger Kanitz have volunteered to be at the event. Dick Sturm from Menasha Utilities will open/close the building and help with setup/take down. Mayor Merkes will check to see if we could get volunteers from Menasha High or UW Fox Sustainability group. Poster needs to be completed for the city event, potential to include "tree power" program and appliance pick up through focus on energy on the poster.

H. DISCUSSION

1. City of Menasha buildings: energy use per square foot (Paul Van de Sand)

Paul presented a spreadsheet showing Menasha baseline usage per square foot in several buildings. Addresses and square footages needed for several buildings to complete the chart. Mayor Merkes will have the information supplied to Paul. The chart will be used to set future conservation goals and track usage in city facilities.

2. Recycling update (Kathy Thunes)

Kathy met with Public Works Director Radtke and a Winnebago County representative to assess the amount of recycling occurring in Menasha and how that relates to county averages. Menasha's collection is about average for the county and higher than Oshkosh. Director Radtke will update report on recycling volume for a future meeting. Kathy recommended doing a citizen survey as to desire for added frequency for pickup and to quantify budgetary impact.

Menasha does not currently collect oil filters. There was discussion of partnerships in other communities to do so.

3. Complete Streets (Linda Stoll)

Linda reported that community development is completing the mapping needed to start this project.

4. Waste Management (Linda Stoll)

Linda Stoll met with Public Works Director Radtke regarding waste management and the potential to reduce volume and tipping fees. Director Radtke will develop a Menasha baseline and per capita average data for a future meeting.

5. Farm Market

Discussion regarding the Sustainability Board hosting a composting demo. Linda Stoll will contact Sadie Schroeder about this.

I. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Paul Van de Sand and seconded by Kathy Thunes to adjourn at 7:56 p.m.

Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by Mayor Merkes