

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

Tuesday, April 15, 2014

Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting called to order by Linda Stoll at 1:03 p.m.

B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES

Present: Roger Kanitz, Ed Kassel, Linda Stoll, Kathy Thunes, Paul Van de Sand

Also Present: Mayor Merkes

Excused: Danielle Handler

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, 2/18/2014

Motion made by Paul Van de Sand and seconded by Roger Kanitz to approve the minutes of the February 18th 2014 meeting

Motion carried.

E. COMMUNICATIONS

- ECWRPC is featuring a mini conference on local food systems
- ECWRPC is taking comments on the long range transportation plan
- Arbor Day and DIDC Cleanup were listed on the Earth Day activities website
- Clean sweep will have a location at the Menasha Public Works facility this year

F. REPORTS

1. Sustainable Communities Network of the Fox Valley

a. Sustainable Network Fair

City of Menasha will participate with a display table at the Monday night presentation

b. Torbjorn Lahti Events

The Mayor has extended an invitation to City management staff to attend, the event has been publicized throughout the Fox Cities

c. Earth Week Partnership

34 partners this year with numerous events, a poster was produced as well as a website to promote the events

d. Fox Cities and Oshkosh Bike/Pedestrian Plan

The plan is being presented to each community by ECWRP

e. Annual Report

2013 accomplishment list will be used for display table at the Sustainable Network Fair

G. 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. Lisa Miotke participated in a LED lighting webinar.

2. Waste Management

The acceptance of additional types of plastic for recycling in 2014 will likely change recycling frequency schedule. The City is prepping city owned dumpsters for automated pickup with new truck.

3. Spring Recycling Event, Saturday April 26th 8AM-Noon

Members asked to include the item in the Menasha Library newsletter. Medication recycling also available at the police department that day. Members asked that the dates be included on the recycling schedule distributed to all households in 2015.

4. Livable Communities

Mayor Merkes invited the board to the annual Arbor Day Celebration on April 25th at Gegan School. The City will be celebrating along with UW Fox Valley and Menasha Utilities who have also received recognition from the National Arbor Day Foundation as a Tree Campus and a Tree Line Utility. Board would be interested in hearing the City Forester's plan and goals for canopy cover and the forestry program in general.

5. Menasha Farm Fresh Market

The Menasha Farm Fresh Market begins June 12th, the Farm to Table Dinner is planned for August 13th.

6. River-Gen Project

Working to solidify relationship with students and faculty at UW Platteville

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Paul Van de Sand and seconded by Kathy Thunes to adjourn at 2:37 p.m.

Motion carried.

Minutes submitted by DJM