

**CITY OF MENASHA  
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD  
100 Main Street, Menasha  
Room 207**

**October 30, 2019**

**Draft Minutes**

**A. CALL TO ORDER**

Meeting called to order by Kathy Thunes at 2:05 p.m.

**B. ROLL CALL/EXCUSED ABSENCES**

Present: Roger Kanitz, Kathy Thunes, Ronnie Kasperek

Also Present: Donald Merkes, Joe Stephenson

**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, 9/24/2019

Motion made by Kathy Thunes and seconded by Ronnie Kasperek to approve the minutes of the September 24<sup>th</sup> 2019, meeting. Motion carried.

**E. COMMUNICATIONS**

Options for a utility scale hydroelectric facility in Menasha were explored by WPPI at the request of the Common Council. A short report was returned regarding previous private sector plans for a facility that were abandoned do to economics. WPPI can currently purchase hydro electric at a lower price that could be secured by building hydro capacity in Menasha.

Gappers network will be meeting at ECWRPC this Thursday

**F. REPORTS**

None

**G. DISCUSSION ITEMS**

1. City of Menasha Energy Usage

Public works facility has been delayed however the City still intends to reapply for grants for solar project as part of PWF building project.

Met with focus on energy to explore potential incentives and grants to make electric vehicles cost effective for the City.

Motion to recommend to the Common Council A Resolution for a continued commitment of a municipal-wide energy policy by Kathy Thunes, second by Roger Kanitz.

Discussion noting that the City has reduced its electric consumption by approx 30% based upon projects from 2009-2018. This resolution sets a goal of an additional 5% over the next 5 years and open grant funding opportunities to do so.

Motion carries

2. Electronics Recycling Events

Reviewed results from fall event, collections were average compared to previous years. Board would like to lock in 2020 dates as well as look for sponsors.

3. Livable Communities

Station 36 stormwater education and planting is in 2020 budget

Work on ECWRPC raingarden continues

Members will share energy efficiency incentive opportunities for Community Development to share with applicants of the Strong Neighborhood Program in 2020.

Applied for ATC forestry grant

Two local nurseries are interested in pop up forest concept

4. Menasha Farm Fresh Market

Looking toward 2020 options to refresh and expand market

5. Transportation

Valley Transit strategic plan envisions increased frequency in Menasha to ½ hour compared to the 1 hour currently. No funding source identified at this time.

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion made by Kathy Thunes and seconded by Roger Kanitz to adjourn at 3:00 p.m.

Motion carried.

*Minutes submitted by DJM*