

**CITY OF MENASHA**  
**SUSTAINABILITY BOARD**  
**May 26, 2022**  
**Minutes**

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order by Linda Stoll at 4:09

B. ROLL CALL

Attending: Kyler Arndt, Kyle Coenen, Austin Hammond, Roger Kanitz, Kelsey Parry, Linda Stoll  
Also Attending: Mayor Donald Merkes

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

No one spoke

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

Motion by Roger Kanitz second by Austin Hammond to approve the minutes of 4-28-2022.  
Motion Caries with Kelsey Parry and Linda Stoll abstaining as they were not in attendance at the 4-28-2022 meeting.

E. ACTION ITEMS

None

F. DISCUSSION

1. Sustainability Plan, Benchmarking and Comparison with other communities

a. Energy Innovation Grant and Comprehensive Energy Plan

The Menasha proposal for a Comprehensive Energy Plan grant was not recommended for funding. The action team consisting of the City, MJSD, and Utility met to discuss next steps. Plans to benchmark all buildings with EnergyStar ratings, also opportunities for virtual commissioning. City staff would like to develop a list of potential focus on energy projects, potential solar locations/sizes, and potential charging stations. Having this information would put us in a good position to apply for grants if new funding opportunities arise.

b. Sustainability Board Ordinance revisions

Discussion regarding the importance of recognizing the three legs of sustainability in any ordinance revisions (people-planet-profit) as well as the ability to have subcommittees if so needed. Review of "The Natural Step" for communities and business may help define more fully. No action at this time.

2. Transportation

a. Bike Friendly Communities Designation

Need to revisit volunteer opportunities for the bike parking survey. FVTC is interested in creating bike racks once we have locations. Sign locations should be both for visibility from visitors and recognition for bikers. Check locations of Tree City signs for co-locations.

3. Land Use

No report

#### 4. Natural Resources

##### a. Natural Landscaping and Maintenance

Should provide a no-mow may report to the community. It appeared that the community and Common Council is interested in environmental education. The report should be as broad as possible including national attention in the NYTimes

(<https://www.nytimes.com/2022/03/28/travel/no-mow-may-wisconsin.html>)

Don to check with MJSD regarding a demonstration garden in the plaza area at Menasha City Center.

Discussed an educational poster series for invasive species identification including: garlic mustard, buckthorn, dane's rocket.

The Menasha Public Library is developing a speaker series regarding natural landscaping, native plantings, waterfront plantings. Attempt to have our next meeting at the Library and have Ana Acosta who is developing the series for the Library join us.

#### 5. Energy

##### a. Renewable Energy Kiosk

Members reviewed the website developed by UWO-Fox Cities engineering campus and Menasha Utilities. The site showing data from all solar facilities in the City will eventually be displayed at multiple locations throughout City / MJSD / UWO buildings.

#### 6. Water

##### a. Stormwater Educational Signage

Members reviewed the draft signage agreed that 18x24 is a size that is readable from about 3' off the trail. Noted that we may want to consider wetlands signage at the Conservancy parking lot and/or rear entrance to the Conservancy

#### 7. Waste

##### a. Recycling

Winnebago County recycling 2021 totals came out showing Menasha recycling more per capita than all other communities of at least 15,000 population. In addition the City of Menasha recycled 171.74 tons of cardboard independently of the Tri-County recycling center. Members would still like to consider bi-weekly recycling, discussion on cost/benefit of additional pickups and the ability of residents to purchase an additional recycling bin or use a container of their own.

##### b. 2022 Electronics Recycling Event May 7, 2022

We collected 14,096 lbs of electronics at this event compared to 20,602 lbs last fall.

##### c. 2022 Fall Electronics Recycling Event

Discussion regarding changing the date to October 1<sup>st</sup> so it could be jointly promoted with Habitat's Rock the Block going on in Menasha that day.

#### 8. Health

No Report

#### G. Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting June 23, 2022

#### H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Kyler Arndt second by Austin Hammond to adjourn at 5:48PM

Motion Carries