

CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY BOARD
July 28, 2022
Minutes

- A. CALL TO ORDER
Meeting Called to order by Linda Stoll at 4:06 PM
- B. ROLL CALL
Attending: Kyler Arndt, Kyle Coenen, Austin Hammond, Roger Kanitz, Linda Stoll, Kathy Thunes
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 Kyle Coenen second by Austin Hammond to approve the minutes of 6-23-2022.
Motion carries.
- E. ACTION ITEMS
None
- F. DISCUSSION
1. Sustainability Plan, Benchmarking and Comparison with other communities
 - a. Comprehensive Energy Plan
City, Utility, and MJSD energy team met earlier in the month. Discussed items including, energy star benchmarking, electric vehicle charging stations, solar opportunities, LED lighting, and retro commissioning.
 - b. Sustainability Board Ordinance revisions
Discussion regarding membership requirements including residents, property owners, as well as people that work or go to school in Menasha. These requirements allow possible membership of people who work for major corporations in the City, as well as small business owners and students at UWO-Fox Cities who may have expertise that would benefit Menasha.

Motion by Kathy Thunes second by Linda Stoll to recommend approval of Ordinance O-9-22 to the Administration Committee and Common Council.
Motion carries.
 - c. SCN & Website <http://scn-foxvalley.com>
The Sustainable Communities Network has not met since pre-COVID, they had previously met quarterly. Recently some people who had previously participated had inquired if they would begin meeting again. SCN gave opportunities for members of Sustainability Committees from across the Fox Cities to share information that would be useful to other communities. Kathy will reach out to gauge interest among those previously involved.
 - d. Wisconsin Clean Energy Plan <https://osce.wi.gov/Documents/SOW-CleanEnergyPlan2022.pdf>
Leave on agenda for next meeting, no discussion.
 2. Transportation
 - a. Bike Friendly Communities Designation
Signage for Bike Friendly Community Designation are ordered. The League of American Bicyclists have updated standards for Bike Friendly Communities. Review at a future meeting.

- b. Bike Parking Survey
Need to revisit volunteer opportunities for the bike parking survey, potential to provide paper survey sheets. FVTC is interested in creating bike racks once we have locations.
 - c. Bird Scooters
We have seen significant usage within the City of Menasha, with minimal concerns. The entire City of Menasha has now been opened to use of Bird Scooters.
- 3. Land Use
No report
- 4. Natural Resources
 - a. Natural Landscaping and Maintenance
Pollinator garden is planted, still need to install signage and pollinator house donated by Heckrodt. Issues with rabbits eating plants.

Contact has been made regarding application process for grant funding for natural landscape opportunities along Banta Point on both public and private properties. Continue discussion at future meetings.
 - b. No Mow May
Information requested regarding participation and results of No Mow May in communities across the state. The information is not available at this point, it should be available in the fall.
- 5. Energy
Information was shared regarding Menasha Utilities programs allowing customers opportunities to purchase blocks of renewable power. The standard Menasha Utilities power supply is approximately 40% carbon free.
- 6. Water
 - a. Stormwater Educational Signage
Members reviewed the draft signage recommend that the signs are complete and should be sent out for final formatting and printing. Locations include raingarden at Jefferson Park, Fire Station 36, Province Terrace Boardwalk, Province Terrace Pond, Brin Underground Stormwater.
- 7. Waste
 - a. 2022 Fall Electronics Recycling Event
Date has been changed to October 1st so it could be jointly promoted with Habitat's Rock the Block going on in Menasha that day.
 - b. City should promote waste wizard on website to encourage better recycling compliance
- 8. Health
No Report
- G. Future Meeting Dates
Next meeting August 25, 2022
- H. ADJOURNMENT
Motion by Austin Hammond second by Kyle Coenen to adjourn at 5:48 PM.
Motion carries.