

It is expected that a Quorum of the Personnel Committee, Board of Public Works, Plan Commission and Administration Committee will be attending this meeting: (although it is not expected that any official action of any of those bodies will be taken)

**CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
Menasha City Center
100 Main Street
Room 132
May 25, 2023
4:00 PM**

AGENDA

- A. CALL TO ORDER
- B. ROLL CALL
- C. PUBLIC COMMENTS ON ANY MATTER OF CONCERN TO THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
(five (5) minute time limit for each person)
- D. MINUTES TO APPROVE
 - 1. Minutes of the April 27, 2023 Sustainability Committee Meeting
- E. COMMUNICATIONS
- F. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS
 - 1. Election Vice Chair
 - 2. Planning & Communications
 - a. SCN and Website <http://scn-foxvalley.com/>
 - 3. Transportation
 - a. Bike Parking Survey
 - 4. Natural Resources
 - a. Natural Landscaping & Maintenance
 - b. Mow at 4 for Pollinators
 - c. 2023 Pollinator Week Proclamation
 - 5. Energy
 - a. Comprehensive Energy Planning & Joint Energy Team
 - 6. Waste
 - a. 2022 Winnebago County Recycling Tonnage Report
 - b. 2023 Electronics Recycling Event May 6, 2023
 - c. 2023 Electronics Recycling Event October 7, 2023
- G. Future Meeting Dates
 - 1. July 23, 2023
- H. ADJOURNMENT

"Menasha is committed to its diverse population. Our Non-English speaking population and those with disabilities are invited to contact the Menasha City Clerk at 967-3603 24-hours in advance of the meeting for the City to arrange special accommodations."

CITY OF MENASHA
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE
April 27, 2023
Minutes

A. CALL TO ORDER

Meeting Called to order at 4:11 PM

B. ROLL CALL

Attending: Kyle Coenen, Lindsay Klumpp, Austin Hammond, Linda Stoll,
Also Attending: Mayor Donald Merkes

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

No one spoke.

D. MINUTES TO APPROVE

Motion by Kyle Coenen second by Linda Stoll to approve the minutes of 3-23-2023.
Motion Caries

E. COMMUNICATIONS

Members reviewed the press releases for Earth Day and Arbor Day

F. ACTION / DISCUSSION ITEMS

1. Election of Chair/ Vice Chair

Linda Stoll nominated Austin Hammond to be the Chair of the Sustainability Committee seconded by Kyle Coenen. Being that there were no other nominations an unanimous ballot was cast for Austin Hammond to be the Chair.

No action was taken on the Vice Chair position, as there were several members absent from the meeting.

2. Planning & Communications

a. SCN and Website <http://scn-foxvalley.com>

Recommended that the website be updated to include contact information for each community's Sustainability Committee so that if there were opportunities that would benefit from group collaboration that it would be easy to contact multiple communities.

3. Transportation

a. Bike Parking Survey

ECWRPC is developing a Bike Parking App that can be used to gather the information.

4. Natural Resources

a. Natural Landscaping and Maintenance

Plants ordered for native planting demonstration plot at Banta Point

b. No Mow May

Discussion regarding previous data/statistics from Appleton No Mow May, 2022 Menasha proposal, aesthetic image, and other educational opportunities for pollinators other than No Mow May. Sustainability Committee encourages that mixed turf including fescue, clover, and thymes as they have deeper roots, grow slower, and need less mowing. Lawns could be mowed to 4" and let grow to 6" to benefit pollinators and still maintain ordinance requirements.

5. Energy

- a. Comprehensive Energy Planning and Joint Energy Team
Cooperative Grant with City, MJSD, NM fire, and MU was not awarded to us, we will have to regroup and determine next steps.

6. Waste

- a. 2023 Electronics Recycling Events May 6, 2023 & October 7, 2023.

G. Future Meeting Dates

Next meeting May 25, 2023

H. ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Linda Stoll second by Lindsay Klumpp to adjourn at 4:47 PM

Motion carries.



FOR IMMEDIATE RELEASE

Contact: Austin Hammond
4th District Alderperson, City of Menasha
100 Main Street, Suite 200
Menasha, WI 54952
Phone: 920-538-0554

MOW AT 4 FOR POLLINATORS

MENASHA, WI – May 1, 2023. The City of Menasha Sustainability Committee wants to raise awareness of the importance of protecting pollinators within our community. It is of great concern to us that pollinators are on the decline due to the use of pesticides. This year the City of Menasha will recognize June 19-25 as Pollinator Week. Pollinators are an important part of our society because they are essential partners for farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply. As stated in the proclamation: *"pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests, and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities."*

In addition to the proclamation of pollinator week, The City of Menasha Sustainability Committee would like to encourage residents to participate in a "Mow at 4 for Pollinators." This conservation initiative is our community's version of "Low Mow May." "Mow at 4 for Pollinators" encourages people to mow less often for the month of May and throughout the year to create habitat and provide resources for bees and other early-season pollinators. This is particularly important in urban areas where floral resource are often limited. Participation in "Mow at 4 for Pollinators" is in accordance with our City's enforcement of Section 8-1-6 and 8-1-7 (b): *"any lawn, grass or weed on a lot or other parcel of land which exceeds eight (8) inches in length is hereby declared to be a public nuisance, except for property located in a designated floodplain area and/or wetland area."* Residents would need to maintain their lawns at 8" or less but allow the lawn to grow taller than they previously would have.

City of Menasha participants can order or download signs at: <https://beecityusa.org/no-mow-may>

Resource for Bee Lawn: Planting and maintaining a bee lawn | UMN Extension
<https://extension.umn.edu/landscape-design/planting-and-maintaining-bee-lawn>

"Mow at 4 for Pollinators" Action Steps:

- Set mower blades at 4 inches; mow when grass gets to 6 inches.
- Let low growing flowering plants mix with turf grass including; clover, violets, and thyme.

These plants all tolerate foot traffic, pet waste, and can grow in the sun to part shade.

By encouraging residents to reduce their use of herbicides and pesticides and allowing their lawn to grow slightly taller the community will achieve many of the benefits of "Low Mow May" without the perceived aesthetic issues noted by some residents. "Mow at 4 for Pollinators" will offer Menasha residents an opportunity to help pollinators in our city and express their advocacy for a more sustainable way of life by diversifying their lawn with low growing flowering plants. Additional benefits include using less fertilizer, pesticides, herbicides and water for your lawn and fewer times that you need to mow.

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Pollinator Week



June 19-25, 2023

WHEREAS, pollinator species such as birds and insects including thousands of species of bees are essential partners of farmers and ranchers in producing much of our food supply; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role in the health of our national forests and grasslands, which provide forage, fish and wildlife, timber, water, mineral resources, and recreational opportunities as well as enhanced economic development opportunities for communities; and

WHEREAS, the City of Menasha manages parks, public landscaping, and other public lands including greenways and wildlife habitats that are dependent on pollinators.

WHEREAS, pollinators provide significant environmental benefits that are necessary for maintaining healthy, diverse ecosystems in towns and cities; and

WHEREAS, pollination plays a vital role for the trees and plants of our community, enhancing our quality of life, and creating recreational and economic development opportunities.

NOW, THEREFORE, IT BE PROCLAIMED, that I Donald Merkes, Mayor of the City of Menasha, do hereby proclaim June 19-25, 2023 to be:

Pollinator Week

in the City of Menasha

and encourage citizens to avoid unnecessary use of pesticides and to nurture habitats that promote the vitality of pollinators and restoration of their populations.



Dated this 19th day of June, 2023

A handwritten signature in blue ink, likely belonging to Donald Merkes, the Mayor of Menasha.

Donald Merkes, Mayor

**WINNEBAGO COUNTY SOLID WASTE MANAGEMENT BOARD
2022 RECYCLING TONNAGE REPORT**

	January	February	March	April	May	June	July	August	September	October	November	December	YTD	
	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	SS Tons	
T. Algoma	30.96	39.12	47.86	54.59	46.13	51.24	43.13	46.01	64.85	41.59	48.23	45.15	558.86	T. Algoma
T. Black Wolf	15.48	20.53	22.38	22.22	22.73	31.83	22.40	26.47	28.64	22.69	24.98	23.98	284.33	T. Black Wolf
T. Clayton	34.82	28.27	24.09	37.39	33.56	36.30	27.44	33.48	43.03	35.36	39.29	46.39	419.42	T. Clayton
V. Fox Crossing	99.51	85.89	110.30	101.81	102.19	123.77	111.06	105.26	107.65	94.03	115.52	92.71	1249.70	V. Fox Crossing
T. Neenah	33.64	30.85	36.38	27.34	27.14	31.86	22.72	18.79	29.38	25.44	24.76	32.37	340.67	T. Neenah
T. Nekimi	10.36	7.84	8.35	8.76	12.24	17.22	11.10	14.28	11.85	9.84	12.02	11.90	135.76	T. Nekimi
T. Omro	13.75	9.97	8.47	8.90	14.10	12.05	11.56	13.69	11.88	11.44	10.59	11.84	138.24	T. Omro
T. Vinland	11.89	10.28	17.77	20.19	14.19	20.43	22.06	18.81	14.87	16.95	19.27	14.80	201.51	T. Vinland
T. Winchester	15.30	12.77	9.62	15.70	12.89	14.50	10.45	18.50	14.91	12.00	15.35	17.25	169.24	T. Winchester
T. Winneconne	21.28	18.89	18.40	21.94	24.17	29.85	23.63	20.07	32.74	19.57	21.68	29.61	281.83	T. Winneconne
T. Wolf River	5.61	5.27	3.41	5.21	5.15	5.79	3.79	4.82	6.47	4.94	4.77		55.23	T. Wolf River
V. Winneconne	17.16	15.55	15.60	16.17	17.63	21.78	15.64	15.82	14.80	15.74	15.82	20.79	202.50	V. Winneconne
C. Menasha	114.09	90.88	96.69	110.48	101.25	109.95	117.80	112.96	87.85	125.30	83.73	123.64	1274.62	C. Menasha
C. Neenah	165.17	138.39	163.20	162.85	173.95	190.08	167.81	180.11	172.45	163.21	174.00	177.47	2028.69	C. Neenah
C. Omro	19.01	11.14	16.76	19.95	21.10	15.65	28.28	16.75	20.20	18.09	18.02	32.87	237.82	C. Omro
C. Oshkosh	327.13	290.20	320.77	316.29	337.52	365.16	328.34	348.91	347.02	318.38	343.61	331.56	3974.89	C. Oshkosh
Other SS	232.45	130.67	220.66	184.45	260.03	270.07	246.80	274.32	231.73	255.13	290.22	233.31	2829.84	Other SS
TOTAL TONS	1167.61	946.51	1140.71	1134.24	1225.97	1347.53	1214.01	1269.05	1240.32	1189.70	1261.86	1245.64	14383.15	TOTAL TONS

	Population	SS lbs./person		Population	SS lbs./person		Population	SS lbs./person
T. Algoma	7,002	159.63	T. Omro	2,372	116.56	C. Menasha	17,741	143.69
T. Black Wolf	2,464	230.79	T. Vinland	1,750	230.30	C. Neenah	26,961	150.49
T. Clayton	4,220	198.78	T. Winchester	1,843	183.66	C. Omro	3,613	131.65
V. Fox Crossing	19,239	129.91	T. Winneconne	2,475	227.74	C. Oshkosh	65,840	120.74
T. Neenah	3,670	185.65	T. Wolf River	1,210	91.29			
T. Nekimi	1,435	189.21	V. Winneconne	2,502	161.87	Total	164337	140.61



CERTIFICATE OF RECYCLING

All Computers & Electronics Will Be Recycled For Their Metal, Glass, & Plastic

Received From
Address

City of Menasha
455 Baldwin Street
Menasha, WI 54952

Items Received:

4061 lbs Televisions; 1484 lbs CPU Towers; 2760 lbs Electronics;
356 lbs Monitors; 1087 lbs Freon-Containing Appliances;
4760 lbs Small Electronics, Printers, & Appliances

Total Collected: 14,508 lbs

Date Received: May 6th, 2023

This is to certify that the above items received by [Recycle That Stuff](#) have been recycled in accordance with all applicable Federal, State, and Local Regulations and **will not** be landfilled, or otherwise improperly disposed of.



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Menasha, WI 54952

Items Received:

**4069 lbs TVs, 3542 lbs Electronics, 1256 lbs CPUs, 272 lbs Monitors,
517 lbs Freon-Containing Appliances, 4440 lbs Small Electronics,
Printers, & Appliances**

Total Collected: 14,096 lbs

Date Received: May 7th, 2022

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Items Received:

**7221 lbs TVs, 3001lbs Electronics, 1277 lbs CPUs, 549 lbs Monitors,
2674 lbs Freon Appliances, 5880 lbs Small Electronics, Printers, &
Appliances**

Total Collected: 20,602 lbs

Date Received: September 11th, 2021

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