



VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 22, 2023 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

1) Call to order

a. Roll Call

Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members present: White, Grabe, Saltes, Fendrick, Beheler, Gottwald and Butsov. Absent: Gauger. Also Present: Administrator Owen.

2) Agenda Items

a. Consideration of July 25, 2023 Meeting Minutes

Motion by Saltes, second by Fendrick to approve the July 25, 2023 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

b. Recommendation: Pollinator and Garden Ordinance

Beheler introduced the revised ordinance, noting that the Village attorney reviewed the two separate ordinances and is recommending the combined ordinance presented tonight. Beheler noted that if recommended for approval tonight, it will go to the Public Works Committee next Monday, then the Village Board on September 6th.

Phil Levenworth expressed his concern about the lack of a definition of noxious weeds, the short time given for homeowners to mow their lawn after receiving notice, and he feels the Village is being short-sided not allowing the keeping of honey bees. The Committee discussed Levenworth's comments and felt that the noxious weeds are properly defined using the state statute; the Public Works Committee is best suited for addressing the notice concerns; and the honey bee ordinance could be taken up at another time.

Motion by Beheler to recommend approval as presented, second by Gottwald. Motion carried.

c. Sol Smart Progress Update

White informed the committee that work is progressing on the SolSmart designation. We need to complete a draft of zoning language allowing solar panels and complete the solar panel check list. White feels we are well situated to receive a bronze designation with SolSmart.

- d. SNR Column Review and Approval: Food Security
The Committee reviewed two columns, one on food security by Catie DeMets and Jules Reynolds and one on Solsmart by Butosov.

Motion by Gottwald to approve the food security column, second by Butosov. Motion carried.

Motion by Saltes to approve the Solsmart column, second by Fendrick. Motion carried.

- e. Update: Good Morning Mount Horeb Presentation by Jennifer Gottwald
Gottwald will be presenting the SNR slideshow at the September 6th Good Morning Mount Horeb. Gottwald will update the slides to include recent accomplishments of the committee.

- f. Discussion: Dane County Bike Trail Grants
The Committee reviewed information on the Dane County Bike Trail Grants. The consensus of the committee was that it looks like a good opportunity but we do not have enough time to apply this year. This will occur as an agenda item again in the future.

3) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Butosov, second by Grabe. Motion carried at 8:16 p.m.