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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, May 28, 2024 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
The meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m. Membes present: Beheler, Grabe, Saltes, Gottwald and Butusov. Members Absent: White and Halverson. Also Present: Administrator Owen.
- 2) Consent Agenda
Motion by Gottwald to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Beheler. Motion carried.
 - a. Consideration of April 23, 2024 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Adopt a Municipality Reports
 - c. Solsmart Update
- 3) Agenda Items
 - a. Discussion on Creation of Green Team
Administrator Owen reported the information in the packet was the same as last month with the addition of the survey prepared by Butusov. The committee reviewed the survey questions and recommended the following additions: an explanation of what the Green Team would be and links to show an example of an existing Green Team, in question 3 the addition of water quality as a response. The survey will be available in hard copy and also online through Google Docs and a QR code. The Village will share online and social media and ask the Chamber of Commerce to distribute as well. Committee members will submit any additional edits by June 13th for consideration at the June SNR meeting. The committee thanked Butusov for his work. Butusov will share the survey with the school's ecology club prior to the end of the school year to get input from the students.
 - b. Discussion on Development of Sustainability Plan
Administrator Owen reported that we were not successful in our application for a grant to write our sustainability plan. The committee discussed other options including writing the plan ourselves and additional

funding sources to help fund a consultant or potential partnerships with college students for a capstone project. Administrator Owen will reach out to Kathy Kuntz to see what resources she suggests us look into. Jack Saltes will get us a contact with the Nelson institute and Administrator Owen will research opportunities to work with students from the Lafoltette school.

c. Discussion on Pollinator Pathway Program

Administrator Owen shared information on the Pollinator Pathway Program. The program is a voluntary registration program for pollinator gardens. The main role for the committee would be promotion and education on the program. Beheler will speak with representatives from the Hauge Church natural area which is listed on the program and members will add their properties to the registry. The committee will consider a future news article for the paper and partnership with the chamber for getting the word out on the program.

d. Future Agenda Items

Future agenda items include: follow up on green team and survey, continued discussion on the sustainability plan, and in August we will have a presentation from the Village of Oregon on their home composting program.

4) Meeting adjournment.

Motion by Gottwald to adjourn, second by Grabe. Motion carried at 7:52 p.m.