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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, April 22, 2025 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm. Members present: White, Beheler, Grabe, Saltes, Gottwald, Butusov and Halverson. Absent: Gilles. Also present: Administrator Owen.
- 2) Public Comment - non agenda items
No comments.
- 3) Consent Agenda
The committee noted the misspellings of Trex and Kruckman. Motion by Halverson to recommend approval with noted corrections, second by Beheler. Motion carried.
 - a. Consideration of March 25, 2025 Meeting Minutes
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a. Presentation on energy use benchmarks and discussion on community involvement for Energy Plan
Dan Streit of Slipstream provided an update on the findings from the energy analysis, the next steps for the project and took input from the committee on public participation. The energy analysis compared Village energy use for fleets and buildings with similar users and also general residential and commercial electric and natural gas use. The next step will be conducting assessments at the Municipal Building, Public Safety Building and Library to determine areas for energy savings. The public input phase includes a residential and business survey to gauge people's efforts and interest in energy efficiency and sustainability. The committee shared ideas for the distribution of the survey. Steit will work with Administrator Owen on sharing out the survey and will report back to the committee with survey and energy analysis results.
 - b. Review Bag Recycling Program Column
The committee liked the article and thought the program would be a good partnership for the Green Team. Administrator Owen will reach out and thank the Faliveno's and request the following edits: adding that it is a guest column of the SNR, using the SNR header, and adding language

about if you're interested in more sustainability projects you should attend the Green Team kickoff meeting. Grabe added she will put together a template to use for future articles so the SNR header is always included.

- c. Discussion on Rotary/Green Team Partnership
Grabe reported the Green Team partnership has the full support of the Rotary. The committee reviewed the Rotary bylaws for the Community Corps that would be used for the template. Butusov will be setting up a Gmail account for the Green Team and sending out an email to the survey participants inviting them to a kick-off meeting on May 13th at 7:00 pm. at the Mount Horeb Public Library. Butusov will also be attending an event at Brix Cider this weekend and speaking about the Green Team and the kick-off meeting.
 - d. Discussion on Pollinator Pathways
Beheler reintroduced the pollinator pathway program previously discussed by the committee, adding she would like to see Mount Horeb get on the map. The program is an individual register rather than a community recognition, and she asked if it would be a Green Team activity. The consensus was it would. Beheler indicated she would also like to see Village-owned properties that would qualify get added. Administrator Owen indicated he would work with her on that.
 - e. Discussion on Bird City Network Designation
Beheler presented the Bird City recognition program, which started in Wisconsin, and she sees this as another recognition step for Mount Horeb to pursue in addition to the Tree City designation. The consensus of the committee was that this would be a good SNR committee activity since it is a formal Village recognition program. Beheler will do further research on the criteria and report back.
 - f. Discussion on Calendar of Gardens
Beheler passed along a garden calendar from Warrenville, Illinois. The calendar highlights gardens in the community, includes dates of important community events and its production is funded through room tax dollars. The consensus of the committee was that this would be a good Green Team project.
- 5) Future Agenda Items
Stand Engineers will be present at the May meeting to discuss the adaptive management program and the new discharge permit, Green Team Update, Bird City Designation, Strategic Planning Check-in,
- 6) Meeting adjournment.
Motion by Butosov to adjourn, second by Gottwald. Motion carried. 8:22 p.m.