



VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

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SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE

Tuesday, August 26, 2025 at 7:00 PM

MEETING MINUTES

- 1) Call to order
Acting Chair Best called the meeting to order at 7:00. Members present: Best, Grabe, Beheler, Saltes, Roethle. Absent: White.
- 2) Public Comments
Eileen Young, 108 S Fourth St, spoke in favor of considering solar for the parking lot at the park at the Lukken Farm and asked about getting the ragweed along the Bike Trail Cut. Young was informed the DNR is responsible for maintenance of the trail.
- 3) Consent Agenda
Motion by Saltes, second by Roethle. Motion carried.
 - a. Consideration of July 22, 2025 Meeting Minutes
 - b. Adopt a Municipality Reports
- 4) Agenda Items
 - a. Presentation by Slipstream: Findings of Building Energy Audits and Recommendations
Dan Streit and Kevin Frost of Slipstream shared the findings of their energy audits of the Public Safety Building, Library and Municipal Building. They included recommendations for improving efficiencies, with the municipal building being the biggest potential for savings. They also discussed the options for a public presentation for community engagement on the topic. After the community engagement event, they will finalize the energy plan.
 - b. Green Team Report
Grabe provided the highlights of the Green Team activities.
 - c. Bike City Designation
Roethle reviewed progress with the application, noting he created a Google document. Administrator Owen will help fill out items and answers needed from the Village.

- d. Recommendation on Coalition for More Responsible Transportation Membership
The committee reviewed information on the free membership and determined it was worthwhile, especially in pursuing the bike-friendly status. Motion by Beheler, second by Grabe to recommend approval. Motion carried.
 - e. Resolution Requesting Consideration of Sustainability Features including Planting Native Plants at new Park at Lukken Farm
The committee discussed the desire for sustainability features at the new park at the Lukken farm, including at least 50% of the plantings being native plants for native pollinators and animals and stabilizing steep slopes, planting of oak trees, bio retention areas, potentially solar panels in the parking lot and strategically placed permeable pavement. The Committee will review a draft resolution at the next meeting.
 - f. Discussion on 2026 Budget Request
The committee would like to see more information on the Sustainable Business Council to determine the benefit to the Committee.
 - g. Discussion on Sustainable Procurement
Grabe reported she watched the webinar and said that it was extremely detailed and complicated and that it probably works for Middleton because they have two staff members devoted to sustainability. The consensus of the committee was that some of the information may be helpful to right size a plan for Mount Horeb.
 - h. Update on Sustainability Plan
Saltes reported that the Nelson Institute Students are just coming back to school and will need time to pick projects. He also pointed out the UW's UniverCity Alliance Program, which may be an option for development of the Sustainability Plan.
- 5) Future Agenda Items
Update on Slipstream Public Engagement Forum, Green Team Report, Bike Friendly City Designation Update, Lukken Farm Resolution, 2026 Budget Request, Future presentation on Lake Street Stormwater Basin.
- 6) Meeting adjournment.
Motion by Beheler to adjourn, second by Grabe. Motion carried. 8:47 p.m.