



## VILLAGE OF MOUNT HOREB

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### **SUSTAINABILITY & NATURAL RESOURCES COMMITTEE**

**Tuesday, November 25, 2025 at 7:00 PM**

#### **MEETING MINUTES**

- 1) Call to order  
Chair White called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m. Members Present: White, Best, Beheler, Grabe, Roethle and Saltes. Also Present: Administrator Owen.
- 2) Public Comments on Non-Agenda Items\*  
None.
- 3) Consent Agenda  
Motion by Roethle to approve the consent agenda as presented, second by Saltes. Motion carried.
  - a. Consideration of October 28, 2025 Meeting Minutes
  - b. Consider bike friendly community designation
  - c. Green Team Update
  - d. Addition to Wastewater Treatment Utility Adaptive Management Program
  - e. Food Waste Pickup Location Update
  - f. Report on Sustain Dane Summit
- 4) Agenda Items
  - a. Review of Dark Sky Standards for Revised Zoning Code  
Scott Lind, introduced himself, stating he assists municipalities to adopt dark-sky code standards on a pro bono basis. Lind noted that the LED lights many are switching to for energy savings carry more harsh blue tones, but there are options for warmer, less harsh LED lights and the recommendations he has included for the code will help to address this. Lind recommends tying the code to Illuminations Engineering Standards (IES), which are regularly updated and use the best practices for dark sky standards. If IES standards are incorporated into the code, we would

need to purchase an IES book to be able to inform the public about the standards and enforce them. The books would cost around \$500. New developments would need to comply with the new standards after adoption of the code and existing buildings would need to comply with the new standards when submitting for remodeling of the existing buildings. The IES also has standards for commercial signage. Best moved to recommend that the Plan Commission include Lind's dark-sky recommendations in the lighting section of the zoning code rewrite, seconded by Roethle. Motion carried.

- b. **Announcement of Mount Horeb Green Team receiving official Community Corps Recognition from Rotary International**  
Grabe reported that the Green Team has officially received Rotary International Community Corps recognition. Grabe believes they are the first group to receive this designation in our district. They will have an official recognition at the February 11th trivia night at Brix.
- c. **SolSmart Wind-down and Timeline for Incentive Sunset**  
White reported that the Federal Government is ending the SolSmart Program at the end of 2025 and along with it incentives for clean energy. We are just short of receiving silver recognition because we have not yet adopted our revised zoning code. Administrator Owen will follow up to see if we can still achieve silver with our proposed code and if not if we can receive our bronze plaque.
- d. **Bird City Designation Application**  
Beheler reviewed the draft application and thanked everyone for the assistance with preparation. The next step is submittal on the official Bird City Application form. Beheler will report back with progress at the next committee meeting.
- e. **Board Discussion on SNR Park Proclamation**  
Administrator Owen explained the proclamation was pulled from the consent agenda because a board member felt adoption under the consent agenda meant the board was adopting it as well. Since it was an SNR proclamation, the board did not need to adopt it as well. The board was overall in support of it and passed a motion in support of the proclamation. Owen added that in the future, items like this will be included as a committee update. The committee discussed procedure for providing feedback to the Board and Committees and the difference between proclamations and policy recommendations.
- f. **2026 Budget Update and Discussion**  
Chair White reported that the 2026 Budget was approved by the Board last week and \$1,000 was again included in the committee budget.

5) **Future Agenda Items**

Future agenda items include: Zoning code rewrite discussion, Sustainability Plan Update, Energy Plan Presentation and Discussion, and Bird City Update. The December meeting date will be Tuesday December 16th at 7:00 p.m.

- 6) Meeting adjournment.  
Motion by Best to adjourn, seconded by Saltes. Motion carried. 8:25 p.m