

SUSTAINABLE MARSHFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, September 11, 2012

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Marty Anderson in the Executive Conference Center, City Hall Plaza.

Members present: Gary Cummings, Julie Schafer, Marty Anderson, Sue Meyer, and Betsy Tanenbaum

Members absent: Tim Janssen and Randy Lueth

Others present: Floreine Kurtzell, Amy Krogman, Jim Benson, and Ed Englehart

Motion by Meyer, second by Tanenbaum to approve the August 10, 2012 minutes with the following changes: Randy gave the update mentioned in the 2nd paragraph of Citizen Comments.

Motion carried

Citizen Comments:

Floreine Kurtzell complimented the article in the News Herald that Sue Meyer had written.

Tanenbaum reported the next Vox concert will be held at Wildwood Park on September 20th. The performer will be Erica Wheeler who is an environmentalist. Marshfield Flash Gallery will be held on the same night.

Meyer reported on the lunch which was held at Lincoln School for the students and families who participated in the community gardens was very well attended.

Anderson reported that Security Health Plan sponsored a school garden in Iron County. This has been very successful.

Jim Benson reported on home energy audits he has conducted. Since 2009 he has done 217 audits. He is finding that a lot of people don't have the funds available to do the updates that are necessary to reduce their energy consumption. He is working with people who have a problem paying their bills or that have seen their bills increasing. He is trying to educate home owners regarding changing their habits such as turning off computers and gaming systems. A discussion was held regarding starting some type of revolving loan fund to help low middle class update their homes. Paula Jero will be invited to the meeting next month to see if the United Way can help with this.

Ed Englehart discussed how the Parks and Recreation Department handles their turf maintenance. Ed reported there is currently no turf grass ordinance or policies. The Parks and Recreation Department uses contracted services for mowing approximately 55 acres of space. Staff mows all the pastures. Pastures are mowed only one or twice a year depending on how high the grass is. Athlete files are mowed more frequently. Ed will work with the committee regarding this issue.

Tanenbaum presented the draft of the development brochure. She will distribute this document via e-mail. This will be adopted at the October meeting.

There was nothing to report on the solar program

News Herald Articles:

October – Marty Anderson

November – Randy Lueth

December – Betsy Tanenbaum

January – Julie Schafer

Motion by Tanenbaum, second by Schafer to adjourn at 6:40 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Krogman, Administrative Secretary