

Sustainable Marshfield Committee
Meeting Minutes
July 14, 2009

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:20 p.m. by Chairman Marty Anderson in the Executive Conference Room, lower lever, City Hall Plaza

Members present: Carl Scott, Marty Anderson, Sue Meyer, and Gordon Earl

Members absent: Randy Lueth Georgette Frazer, and Michelle Adamski

Others present: Amy Peterson, Joe Kottwitz, Peter Manley, Jim Benson, Brian Driscoll, Liz Welter, Dan Helwig, Aaron Staab, Jim Alexander, and Amy Krogman

Motion by Carl Scott, 2nd by Sue Meyer to approve the minutes from the June 9th meeting. All Ayes, Motion Carried

Citizen Comments:

- Marty Anderson introduced Brian Driscoll, Community Relations Director from the Office of Energy Independence
- Jim Bensen had done an energy audit at the Ronald McDonald house. He was wondering if the committee would be willing to donate some the of the CFL bulbs. Also, when he was working at the Mayor's Breakfast, he noticed the light bulbs in the Expo Building were not CFL bulbs. That is another area where they could be donated.

There was one bill which was from MSA. This will be taken out of grant monies.

The committee discussed a couple of grant opportunities:

- The Energy Efficiency Conservation Block Grant. There is a maximum disbursement of \$225,000 focusing on projects to make a building more energy efficient, such as window replacement or replacement of lights, can use projects that are in the Capital Improvement Program. This application will be due the end of August or beginning of September. Brian Driscoll stated they are trying to make the application process as easy as possible.
- The Clean Air Showplace Community. Dan Helwig and Aaron Staab from Prairie Run Development gave an overview of this grant opportunity. Brian Driscoll explained that the grant's deadline was in 8 days. The applicant for this grant has to be a municipality. You can ask for up to \$500,000, but there is a 50% match required. Mike Brehm will look over the information and decide if we should apply for this grant.

Amy Peterson gave an update on the 25 x 25 grant. She went over the energy data that was collected. She and Marty Anderson will present this information to the Common Council on Tuesday, July 28th.

Amy Peterson also updated the committee on the Energy Expo to be held on October 3rd. Amy had contacted a couple of people to work on kids and youth activities.

The committee discussed the Natural Step Training to be held on July 28th in the Common Council Chambers. Everything is set up and ready to go. There will be approximately 20 participants.

Amy Krogman went over the 2010 budget with the committee. They are going to request \$5,000 again this year.

Peter Manley updated the committee on the Centergy Sustainability Best Practices Seminar. It was well attended and all the communities reported on what they were doing. They are planning to meet again in the future.

Sue Meyer stated the Mead Wildlife Area's 50th anniversary celebration will be held on August 29th. They have invited Sustainable Marshfield to have a booth. Sue will be available to take the booth down at 3 p.m. She was wondering if anyone else could help out. Amy Krogman will send out an e-mail asking members if they are able to help out.

Sue also gave an update on the Community Garden. The open house went over very well.

Motion by Carl Scott, 2nd by Sue Meyer to adjourn at 6:55 p.m.

Respectfully submitted.

Amy Krogman
Mayor's Secretary