

Sustainable Marshfield Committee
Meeting Minutes
November 9, 2010

The monthly meeting of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by Chair Marty Anderson in the Executive Conference Room, Lower Level,

Members present: Gary Cummings, Sue Meyer, Randy Lueth, Georgette Frazer, Dave Bredendick, and Marty Anderson,

Members absent: Tim Janssen

Others present: Amy Krogman and Amy Peterson

Motion by Lueth, second by Meyer to approve the minutes from the October 12, 2010 with the following corrections. Amy Peterson was present and Liz Gisvold's name was spelled wrong

Motion carried

Citizens Comments:

Alderperson Russ Stauber sent the committee an e-mail and asked that it be read into the minutes.

This summer I was confronted with an issue in the 6th District that I really wasn't sure how to handle. The complaint came from a resident who was downwind of a lawn chemical application by "Spring Green" near the Fairgrounds. In this specific case the wind blew some of the chemical into the residential area (according to the caller) and his other concern was children playing on the grass immediately following the application.

The resident appeared to be rational. He grew up on a farm and was quite familiar with the hazards of herbicides, pesticides, fungicides, and insecticides. He wanted the City to see the big picture regarding chemical applications to lawns, such as the type of chemical, how the chemical is applied, and when the chemical is applied. I believe the resident is concerned not only with the City's use of chemicals, but also private land owners where public residents might be the unintended third party.

This is a potentially big issue if one considers controlling a private resident's ability to apply lawn chemicals. Perhaps it's an issue for Sustainable Marshfield, but I thought I'd begin with you. Do we have SOP's and policies regarding this matter? If not, should we take the question back to the legislative bodies such as the Board of Public Works or Parks & Rec Committee?

The committee was reminded that there will be a strategic planning session on December 4th at the Fire & Rescue Department. Peter Manley agreed to facilitate the session.

The committee discussed the poultry ordinance and the presentation that Sue Meyer will give to the Plan Commission.

The Green Living Expo will be held on April 30, 2011. Planning for the event will begin immediately. Barb Gillespie and the Green Team have agreed to be involved in the expo along with Marshfield Utilities and the Groundwater Guardians.

Amy Peterson presented the committee with a contract from MSA in the amount of \$2,300 for coordinating the event. MSA will be donating a large portion of her time and will be included as a sponsor of the event.

Motion by Lueth, second by Frazier, to approve the contract with MSA and recommend it's approval to Finance, Budget, and Personnel and the Common Council.
Motion Carried

Amy Peterson reported on the Clean Energy Works Summit. Jim Benson attended this summit also. A large number of 25 x 25 communities were there. One community is using TIF Funds as a revolving loan fund for retrofits.

Committee members were reminded of the News Herald article schedule.

December – Georgette Frazer
January – Dave Bredendick
February – Tim Janssen
March – Marty Anderson
April – Randy Lueth

Next meeting date will be December 14, 2010 in the Executive Conference Room

Meeting adjourned at 6:25 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,
Amy Krogman
Administrative Assistant