

SUSTAINABLE MARSHFIELD COMMITTEE MEETING MINUTES, SEPTEMBER 10, 2013

Julie Schafer, Acting Chairman, called the meeting to order at 5:30 p.m. in Executive Conference Room, City Hall Plaza.

Members Present: Tom Buttke, Randy Lueth, Jordon Ott, Jackie Ruby, and Julie Schafer

Members Absent: Marty Anderson, Betsy Tanenbaum

Others Present: Floreine Kurtzweil

SMC2013-27 Motion Buttke, second by Lueth to approve the August 13, 2013 minutes.
Motion Carried

Citizen Comments:

Floreine Kurtzweil questioned if the committee had compiled the 2012 list of accomplishments. The question was tabled until the next meeting due to the absence of both Marty and Amy whom the committee thought could better answer that question.

Randy shared that City-wide the community garden projects have gone well this summer.

Jordon stated that she had a citizen question the City's use of fertilizer and pesticides and wondered if the committee had discussed this or addressed this issue in the past. Randy stated that yes, the committee had worked with Ed Englehart of Parks and Recreation and that Ed has a treatment plan that was presented to the committee. Randy commented that we should check with Ed annually and review the treatment plan. Jordon added that the concern was raised after seeing a fertilizer application to Veteran's Park where the Lutheran School students take their recess. Further discussion regarding seed mix, maintaining playing fields and seeding new City ditches lead to questions of communication to residents receiving instructions for how to care for new seeding in ditches and to overall awareness of the Sustainable Marshfield Committee and whether the Sustainability brochure is part of the packet that developers receive from Jason and Josh in Planning and Development.

Loan Program Update

The loan program update was tabled until Marty is present to provide information.

Discuss/review the Natural Step Framework

Jordon shared that she had reviewed the Natural Step's pillars in addition to Natural Step's project proposals and questioned the committee's use of the pillars and whether this is something that will be used in strategic planning. The Natural Step project proposals read more like a marketing plan for Natural Step with the phrase "with the right funding" used frequently throughout the document. Randy said that there is a book titled "The Natural Step" that the Sustainable Marshfield Committee used as its framework in establishing the committee. He also stated that the last presenter hired by the Sustainable Marshfield Committee was a partner for The Natural Step. Randy shared his experience of attending a Natural Step presentation in Madison and an example of sustainability that struck him was Madison City's effort to network printers vs. supporting individual printers and consolidating purchase and subsequent recycling of printer ink cartridges. Conversation stemming from this led to some ideas to discuss in strategic planning regarding recycling in Marshfield. Tom shared the efforts that he makes to help recycling in Marshfield through both the zoo and Marshfield Schools. Recycling at the fair and Hub City days was discussed.

News Herald Articles

September – Jordon Ott

October – Marty Anderson

November – Randy Lueth

December – Betsy Tanenbaum

January – Tom Buttke

Future Agenda Items:

2012 List of Accomplishments

Loan Program

Annual Energy Usage Update

Strategic Planning

What's in Our Trash? Too much recycling?

Compost as a side pickup on trash day?

Next meeting date will be October 8, 2013

Meeting adjourned at 6:26 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,

Jordon Ott

Sustainable Marshfield Committee Member