

Village of Cross Plains Sustainability Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Thursday, February 23, 2023
6:00 pm

This meeting was conducted virtually.

I. Call to Order, Roll Call, and Agenda Review

The meeting of the Sustainability Committee was called to order at 6:04 pm.

Present: Melissa Gavin, John Burandt, Andy Hartman, and Steve Douglas

Also Present – Village Administrator Brian Mooney and Village Resident Tracy Burandt

II. Public Comment – Mr. Mooney stated Village President Lengfeld requested he inquire whether all current Village Sustainability Members were interested in staying on the Committee when the Sustainability Committee becomes a standing Village Committee in April.

III. General Business

1. Committee Member Report Outs and Updates

John Burandt-Mr. Burandt shared that he volunteered to be a member on the Village's Finance Committee.

Andy Hartman-Mr. Hartman stated the Village was approved to seek additional grant funding for a recreational multi-purpose Path on County Highway KP. Mr. Hartman also mentioned Village President Lengfeld is looking for feedback from Trustees on new Committee assignments in 2023.

Brian Mooney- Stated he applied for a Flood Mitigation Grant through Wisconsin Emergency Management Department, and is awaiting notice on a potential award.

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the January 11, 2023 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Andy Hartman, seconded by Steve Douglas, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to approve the January 11, 2023 minutes.

3. Discussion of 2023 No Mow May Initiative

Mrs. Gavin requested the 2023 No Mow May Initiative and the Village Green Energy Plan be moved up on the Agenda. Mrs. Gavin recapped the 2022 No Mow May initiative, and how the Committee should

approach the 2023 plans. Mr. Douglas stated the key hurdle is asking for the Village Ordinance on lawn maintenance to be suspended for the period of the No Mow May initiative, for participating residents. Additional discussion included identifying additional Village-owned properties for participation. Committee insight from Village Parks and Recreation Director Axon will be sought before the Committee presents their proposal for the new 2023 No Mow May program.

4. Discussion of Village Green Energy Resolution

Mrs. Gavin provided a background summary of the recent Village Sustainability proposals that were brought forward for Village Board review. Mrs. Gavin stated she recently spoke with SlipStream regarding a Village Energy Audit, and was ultimately referred to Focus on Energy regarding this process. Mr. Mooney stated he spoke with the contacts and provided them with some of the requested energy usage info for their free walk-through in the Village. The hopes upon completion is obtaining some recommendations for quick energy efficiency improvements, and ideas for how a full Energy Audit could assist in future Village energy improvements and cost savings. Upon discussion, the Committee will review the outcome of the Village Board Meeting topic and the upcoming Energy Assessment to determine next steps with the Resolution.

5. Discussion of Sustainability Plan implementation

Not discussed due to time.

6. Wrap Up, Next Steps and Future Meetings

Mrs. Gavin provided a brief recap on the evening's discussion.

Next Meeting Wednesday March 8th.

IV. Adjournment

A motion was made by Steve Douglas, seconded by John Burandt, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:06 pm.

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