

Village of Cross Plains Sustainability Committee

Regular Meeting Minutes

Wednesday, July 12, 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 6:02 pm.

Present: Michael Pomykalski, John Burandt, Melissa Gavin, and Steve Douglas

Also Present – Village Administrator Brian Mooney

II. Public Comment – None

III. General Business

1. Committee Member Report Outs and Updates

None

2. Discussion and Possible Approval of the June 6, 2023 Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes.

A motion was made by Steve Douglas, seconded by Michael Pomykalski, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to approve the June 6, 2023 minutes.

3. Discussion of Sustainability Plan Implementation

- A. School and Benchmarking Offering- Village Administrator Mooney stated he recently contacted the Focus on Energy Contact about the Village's Benchmark Application, and although no final decision has been announced, they were optimistic on the chances of selection. Mr. Mooney stated he would keep the Committee posted when he receives a final decision.
- B. Village of Cross Plains Energy Assessment and Summary- Mr. Pomykalski provided an update from the June Village Board Meeting. Mr. Pomykalski stated the Board appeared receptive to the idea of making energy improvements around the Village, per the report, but noted the final decision for these updates would be tied to the Village's annual Capital Improvement Plan. A few of the recommendations for upgrades were discussed, and Mr. Pomykalski stated he would contact Public Works Director Mr. Gray to discuss a few of the items recommended for improvement within his Department.
- C. Progress on Sustainability Plan- Multiple topics were discussed, including status of the Village Solar Farm Project and Village Solar panels for municipal properties, educational awareness of Sustainability initiatives within the Village, grant writing for Sustainability programs, and reinforcing the need for Sustainable options as a part of the Village's Capital Improvement Planning.

- D. Sustainable Purchasing Policy-Not discussed
- E. Light Ordinance Update-Mr. Pomykalski stated he was awaiting some additional information be updated within the Tucson, AZ lighting ordinance for comparison to the lighting ordinance he is preparing.

4. Wrap Up, Next Steps and Future Meetings

Mr. Pomykalski stated he would contact Jerry Gray and Bill Chang regarding the Energy Audit findings at the Waste Water Plant, and Solar Farm, respectively. Mr. Mooney stated he would ask Becky Ward about the Sustainability Column in the Village Newsletter, as well as reach out to Mrs. Kuntz at Dane County regarding grant writing partnerships. John Burandt stated he would contact Iowa State University and UW-Madison regarding their composting programs.

Next Meeting Wednesday August 9th.

IV. Future Agenda Items

None

V. Adjournment

A motion was made by Steve Douglas, seconded by Melissa Gavin, and unanimously carried by the Sustainability Committee, to adjourn the meeting at 7:25pm.

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