

Approved as Presented
February 11, 2019

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 14, 2019**

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Chair Kimberly Byrd, Christine Ahmann – Maples, Kevin Toskey and William Seuffert.

Also present were: Council member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, High School Representative Stephanie Comfort and Office Assistant Luann Tembreull.

AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Toskey, all members voting in favor, the agenda was approved as amended with the removal of “EAB Plans Incorporated into Tree Ordinance”, and addition of “Review of Sustainability Work Session” under Old Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Chair Byrd, all members voting in favor, the December 10, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

OLD BUSINESS

High School Representative – Stephanie Comfort

High School Representative, Stephanie Comfort, indicated that she looked on-line at five (5) different city ordinances, which several were from cities in California. She noted that she was unable to actually locate the Ordinance on the City of Afton’s web site.

After some discussion, Representative Comfort was given the task of calling the City of Afton to request a copy of their ordinance prohibiting the use of non-compostable or non-recyclable one-time use food service items.

Commissioner Seuffert suggested asking businesses what they use now and to find out what other groups are pushing.

Commissioner Ahmann-Maples suggested going piece by piece with perhaps supporting removal of styrofoam containers for now.

Old Business continued:

RITE of Spring

Some discussion took place regarding Meg's contact list from prior RITE of Spring events. Even though Meg was unable to attend this meeting, she sent an e-mail requesting approval to contact those on the list to see if they are interested in attending this year's event.

Administrator Neilson stated that February 10th is the cut off for information needed for the March city newsletter.

It was suggested to focus on organic curb-side pick-up and to start a sign-up sheet for those interested.

It was also suggested to have an "outdoor classroom" at Wildwood School during the event.

Organic Pick-up Opt-in

It was reiterated to promote curb side organic pick-up at the April 27th event. The signed agreement with the resident needs to be in writing. Once the City gets 100 residents to commit, it can begin.

It was noted that the organics container would be a 96 gallon container.

Partners in Energy

Administrator Neilson stated that "Home Energy Audits" are still taking place in the City of Mahtomedi. It was suggested that a survey be sent to those who had the audit to get some feedback regarding their experience.

Solar United Update

Commissioner Ahmann-Maples stated that All Energy Solar indicated that they would not do any installation during the winter months.

Library Construction Update

No update at this time.

Old Business continued:

Review of Sustainability Work Session

Chair Boyd noted that she met with Commissioners Seuffert, Toskey and Ahmann-Maples today at 4:30 to discuss the city's Sustainability Plan.

She noted that the commission should hold another work session to further work on the plan. After some discussion it was agreed to hold the next work session on Tuesday, January 29th at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

NEW BUSINESS

Administrator Neilson noted that commission terms expire this April for Commissioners Peterson and Hermann Jr.

FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS

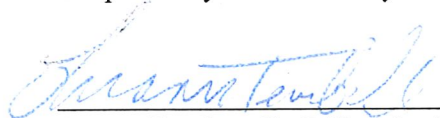
The following items will be on the next Environmental Commission agenda:

- RITE of Spring
- High School Representative – Stephanie Comfort
- EAB Plans Incorporated into Tree Ordinance – Bob Goebel
- Organic Pick-up Update
- Partners in Energy
- Solar United Update
- Library Construction Update

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Chair Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:08 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Luann Tembreull, Office Assistant