

Minutes
Sustainability & Natural Resources
Committee Meeting
January 9, 2023

Members Present: Ed Wreh, Kitty Brussock, Angela Freedman (6:00PM, present at start of meeting but not recognized during roll call), Bruce Fischer, Judy Taber, Darrel Waldera, David Wilson, Carolyn Clow (ex officio)

Staff Present: Sayer Larson, Kong Thao, Phil McDade, Lee Igl, Andrew Bremer

1. CALL TO ORDER

Wreh called the meeting to order at 6:00 PM.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

Bruce Fischer, 5209 Falling Leaves Lane, took a moment to speak during this time. Fischer provided a statement in opposition to the removal of co-chairman Mike Flaherty.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Wreh motioned to approve the minutes of the November 14, 2022, Sustainability & Natural Resource Committee meeting. Seconded by Taber. Motion carried 7-0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the Lewis Park lake access plan

Larson introduced Lee Igl, the Village's new Public Works Director. Previously, Igl was the Streets and Utility Superintendent for the Village. Larson provided summary on the agenda item and reviewed the key improvements related to project. Larson summarized improvements proposed in Options 1 & 2, location, storage options, recommended options, and improvements to accessibility of the proposed project. The Committee discussion included boat storage options, trail improvements, cost differences between Options 1 & 2.

Wreh motioned to recommend approval to the Village Board of the Lewis Park lake access plan as presented by Parkitecture. Seconded by Wilson. Discussion included affirmation of the proposed project by several committee members, the expected timeline, and additional questions on operational costs. Motion carries 7-0.

- b. Discussion regarding the joint Village of McFarland and McFarland School District Community Hosted Solar Program for parcel 154/0710-354-8341-1, near 3451 Siggelkow Road.

Bremer provided an update on the agenda item, summarizing what renewable energy certificates (RECs) are and how the process will be to handle these in the future associated with this project. Bremer confirmed the Village closed on the property on January 6, 2023, and included a timeline of what to expect in the coming months with Committee recommendations. Comments and discussion by the committee included rate changes and offset energy needs. No action was taken on this item.

- c. Discussion and possible action on recommendation to the Village Board regarding submittal of two OEI Energy Innovation Grant Program Applications for a joint comprehensive energy plan with McFarland School District and Battery Storage Systems to be located at the Public Safety Center, 6001 Broadhead St, McFarland, WI.

Thao provided summary on the agenda item and including details for each application's amount requested, the purpose of the grants, and the impact of those grants if provided. Thao covered the resiliency on the potential of the battery storage systems. Bremer provided additional comments on the financial summary for both grant applications and their impact on project development. Discussion by the committee included the technology surrounding battery use, battery life, and battery replacement. Clow commented on the design and battery ready approach to the public safety center.

Wreh motioned to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding submittal of two OEI Energy Innovation Grant Program Applications for a joint comprehensive energy plan with McFarland School District and Battery Storage Systems to be located at the Public Safety Center, 6001 Broadhead St, McFarland, WI. Seconded by Fischer. Additional discussion from the committee affirmed the planning of the Public Safety Center and energy demand. Motion carries 7-0.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Monday, February 13, 2023, at 6:00 PM

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Fischer motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Wreh. Motion carried unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM.