

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, February 13, 2023 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

Trustee Wreh called the regular meeting of the Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee to order at 6:04 PM in the Community Room of the Municipal Center. This meeting was also held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: Edward Wreh, Darrel Waldera, Kitty Brussock (6:20 p.m.), Bruce Fischer, Judy Taber (6:07 p.m.), Carolyn Clow

Members not present: David Wilson, Angela Freedman

Staff Present: Kong Thao, associate planner; Sayer Larson, parks superintendent; Lee Igl, public works director (via Zoom); Phil McDade, public works department staff.

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

There were no public appearances.

- a. *This is an opportunity for members of the public to address the Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee for items that are not on the agenda. Please remember this is a hybrid meeting conducted in person and through the Zoom online meeting platform. Meeting attendees wishing to address the Committee about items not on the agenda may do so at this time. Zoom attendees should type their name and address in the Question and Answer feature within the Zoom online meeting platform at this time. Members of the public who are present in person and wish to address the Committee should fill out a public comment form and turn into the meeting chairperson. When you are called upon to speak, state your name, address, and provide your comments to the Committee for their consideration. Please adhere to the 3-minute time limit. Additionally, you may send your public comments to sustainability@mcfarland.wi.us to be included as part of the meeting.*

Members of the public may also speak during their selected agenda item as they designate on the public comment form or in the Question and Answer feature on Zoom.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. *Motion to approve the minutes of the January 9, 2023 Sustainability & Natural Resources meeting.*

Wreh motioned to amend the draft minutes of the January 9, 2023 meeting of the Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee by deleting the last sentence of the Public Appearances section of the minutes. Motion approved 5-0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. *Presentation by Chris James of Dane County Parks Division regarding Babcock Park improvements.*

Chris James of the Dane County Parks Division presented information on plans by the county to upgrade sections of Babcock Park, including additional accessible fishing piers in areas located on land on the south end of the park recently purchased by the

county. Plans call for improvements to begin in about a year.

- b. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding design approval for McDaniel Park site improvements and authorize the project for bid.

Wreh motioned, Fischer seconded to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding design approval for McDaniel Park site improvements and authorize the project for bid. The project is a joint effort between Dane County and the village to create a permanent beach and swimmable area in Lake Waubesa at McDaniel Park. Motion passed 6-0.

- c. Discussion and possible action to recommend to the Village Board adoption of Ordinance 2023-02, an ordinance amending Sec. 20-25 regulations concerning noxious weeds and lawn height to allow participation in No Mow May activities.

Clow motioned, Wreh seconded, to recommend to the Village Board to the adoption of Ordinance 2302-02, amending Sec. 20-25 regulations concerning noxious weeds for the purpose of no-mow May activities, with the change in the language of the proposed ordinance from "Parks Superintendent" to "Public Works Director or designee," and to recommend to the Village Board a resolution to recommend no-mow May activities. Motion carried 6-0.

- d. Presentation and discussion regarding the draft management plan for conservancy areas within the park system prepared by RES Great Lakes, LLC.

Parks Superintendent Larson and Matt Parsons of RES Great Lakes consultants discussed with the committee a draft management plan for the village's conservancy areas. Clow asked Larson about drafting a 10-year management and budget plan for conservancy management in the village. Larson said village staff and its conservancy consultants would also be hosting two public information meetings with neighboring residents of the conservancies in March.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Tuesday, February 28, 2023 at 5:30 p.m. Joint Meeting with Committee of the Whole
- b. Monday, March 13, 2023 at 6:00 p.m. Regular scheduled meeting

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Fischer motioned, Wreh seconded, to adjourn the meeting. Resolution passed by acclimation. Meeting adjourned at 7:54 p.m.