

VILLAGE OF MCFARLAND

Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee Minutes

Monday, March 13, 2023 - 6:00 PM

1. CALL TO ORDER, ROLL CALL.

President Clow called the regular meeting of the Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee to order at 6:00 PM in the Community Room of the Municipal Center. This meeting was held via Zoom webinar.

Members present: Edward Wreh, Darrel Waldera, Kitty Brussock (arrived at 6:04 p.m.), Bruce Fischer, Judy Taber, Carolyn Clow

Members not present: Angela Freedman

Staff Present: Public Works Director Lee Igl, Parks Superintendent Sayer Larson, Associate Planner Kong Thao, Assistant to the Public Works Director Aimee Irwin, and Town & Country staff Tim Stieve.

2. 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.

None.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

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

Motion by President Clow, seconded by Trustee Wreh, to approve the amended minutes of the January 9, 2023 Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

- b. *Motion to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting.*

Motion by President Clow, seconded by Trustee Wreh, to approve the minutes of the February 13, 2023 Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

4. BUSINESS.

a. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding the award of contract for the 2023 McDaniel Park beach improvements project.

Larson introduced the McDaniel Park beach improvements project. Tim Stieve of Town & Country Engineering reviewed the bids received for the project with the low bidder being R & T Voegeli Excavating, LLC. Stieve explained this would be a unit price contract.

- Trustee Wreh asked if there were concerns about unit pricing being higher than anticipated. Stieve explained that portions are lump sum pricing and these should not fluctuate. He also explained that bidders commit to the prices they submit. Therefore, they would be required to adhere to those prices submitted.
- Trustee Wreh asked if there were restrictions within the contract related to delays. Stieve explained that these construction projects are more rigid and more guardrails are in place related to delays.
- Fischer asked how long it would take for the water to clear after construction is complete. Stieve stated he is unsure but would clarify with Dane County for an estimate.
- Taber asked how the Village's experience was with R & T Voegeli. Stieve and Igl responded that the recent project was flawless.

Motion by President Clow, seconded by Waldera, to recommend approval to the Village Board regarding the award of contract to R & T Voegeli Excavating, LLC of Monroe for an amount of \$154,896 for the 2023 McDaniel Park beach improvements project including the base bid with additional expenses for engineering and contingency for a total project cost in an amount of \$200,000. Motion carries 6 - 0 - 0.

b. Discussion regarding the upcoming Arbor Day event

Larson provided a review of last year's Arbor Day event. Larson explained that this year's Arbor Day event is scheduled for April 28 at Lewis Park. Committee members discussed various ways to boost attendance at this event.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

a. Wednesday, April 19, 2023 at 6:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Motion by President Clow, seconded by Fischer, to adjourn at 6:35 p.m.

Pursuant to law, written notice of this meeting was given to the public and posted on the public bulletin board in accordance with Open Meetings Law.

Respectfully submitted,
Aimee Irwin
Assistant to the Public Works Director