

## **Sustainability and Natural Resources Committee 05/08/2023**

**Members Present:** Mike Flaherty, Carolyn Clow, Bruce Fischer, Nina Schultz, Judy Taber

**Members Absent:** Kitty Brussock, Angela Freedman

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

### **1. CALL TO ORDER**

Flaherty called the meeting to order at 6:02 PM.

### **2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.**

No public appearances.

### **3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.**

- a. Motion by Clow, second by Taber, to approve the minutes of the April 19, 2023, Sustainability & Natural Resource Committee meeting. Motion carried 5-0.

### **4. BUSINESS.**

- a. Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding approval of a Vacant Land Lease Agreement with the McFarland School District for the purpose of subleasing parcel 154/0710-354-8341-1, near 3451 Siggelkow Road, to Wisconsin Power & Light Company for a solar photovoltaic generating facility.

Bremer and representatives of Wisconsin Power & Light Company discussed with the committee a land lease agreement for a solar installation on eight acres of land recently purchased by the village, aimed at offsetting village municipal energy consumption through renewable resources.

Motion by Flaherty, seconded by Fischer, to recommend to the Village Board approval of a Vacant Land Lease Agreement with the McFarland School District for the purpose of subleasing parcel 154/0710-354-8341-1, near 3451 Siggelkow Road, to Wisconsin Power & Light Company for a solar photovoltaic generating facility subject to any final lease adjustments recommended by the Village Attorney. Motion approved 5-0.

- b. Discussion and possible action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding a proposal from HGA for design, bid and construction administration services for installation of a battery and microgrid at the Public Safety Center.

Bremer discussed with the committee plans to construct a microgrid and battery storage system at the Public Safety Center. Representatives of HGA, a Madison environmental and sustainability company, were on hand to review plans for the microgrid and storage system.

Motion by Clow, seconded by Flaherty, to recommend to the Village Board approval of a proposal from HGA for design, bid and construction administration services for installation of a battery and microgrid at the Public Safety Center. Motion approved 5-0.

- c. Update regarding the Burma water tower repainting project.

Larson provided an update to the committee on plans to sandblast and roll paint the Burma Road water tower, with measures to be taken to protect potentially vulnerable features of Indian Mound Park, where the tower is located.

- d. Update regarding McDaniel Park beach improvement project

Larson provided an update to the committee regarding the beach improvement project, including concerns raised by the state Department of Natural Resources regarding fish habitat that could be endangered should rocks in the wading area in the lake next to the beach be removed or displaced as planned under the project.

- e. Discussion regarding 2023-24 sustainability and naturel resources initiatives.

Larson discussed potential efforts the village could undertake in the coming year to enhance sustainability efforts in the village and enhance natural resources.

## 5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Monday, June 12, 2023, at 6:00 PM

## 6. ADJOURNMENT.

Fischer motioned to adjourn; seconded by Clow. Motion carried 5-0. Meeting adjourned at 7:25 PM.