

Minutes
Sustainability & Natural Resources
Committee Meeting
September 11, 2023

Members Present: Mike Flaherty, Carolyn Clow (6:09 PM), Kitty Brussock (6:02 PM), Nina Schultz, Bruce Fischer, Judy Taber

Members Absent: Angela Freedman

Staff Present: Sayer Larson, Kong Thao, Phil McDade

1. CALL TO ORDER

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

2. PUBLIC APPEARANCES.

No public appearances.

3. APPROVAL OF MINUTES.

- a. Schultz motioned to approve the minutes of the June 12, 2023, Sustainability & Natural Resource Committee meeting. Seconded by Fischer. Motion carried 4-0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. Discussion regarding updates to the mounds policy for Preservation and Maintenance.

Larson provided summary on the agenda item and several details on the updates made to the document. The Committee discussed the mentioned updates and bike trail route near the site. No action was taken on this item.

- b. Discussion and action regarding revisions to Tree Planting Bid and Specification Request for Proposal.

Larson provided summary on the agenda item covering the updates to the RFP. The Committee discussion included types of species plantings included in the RFP. Larson clarified several items were shown as examples only and schedule of plantings.

Fischer motioned to recommend approval of the edits to the Tree Planting Bid and Specification Request for Proposal. Taber seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

- c. Discussion and action to submit the Village of McFarland's 2022 Green Tier Annual Report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources.

Thao provided summary on the agenda item, highlighting several data points collected in the report. The Committee discussed the Green Tier's overall initiative and intent behind the data collection. Thao confirmed the processes has seen its growth since the previous reporting, however, remains optimistic the reporting will be a valuable source the longer this goes.

Fischer motioned to approve submittal of the Village of McFarland's 2022 Green Tier Annual Report to the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources. Schultz seconded the motion. Motioned passed 6-0.

d. Discussion and action to pursue SolSmart Designation.

Thao provided summary on the agenda item highlighting SolSmart Designation and the benefits for participating communities. The Committee's discussion included details on SolSmart's grading criteria, tiers classification, benefits of the designation, and households.

Schultz motioned to approve submittal of a letter of intent to SolSmart to become a SolSmart designated community. Brussock seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0.

e. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland Building Code related to site erosion control and stormwater management.

Thao provided summary on the agenda addressing the purpose of the ordinance and its amendments. The Committee discussed further details on regulations on impervious surfaces among lakeside properties and runoff potential.

Fischer motioned to recommend approval to the Village Board of Ordinance 2023-10, an ordinance amending various sections of the McFarland Building Code related to site erosion control and stormwater management. Taber seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0./

f. Discussion and action to make a recommendation to the Village Board regarding Ordinance 2023-09, an ordinance amending various changes to Chapter 62 – Zoning, relate to solar energy collection systems.

Thao provided summary on the agenda item highlighting the changes and additions the ordinance introduces. The Committee discussed the terms for solar systems, permitted uses, and accessory structures. Clow commented that the review of this ordinance would be relevant to item 4d. of this meeting's agenda item.

Clow motioned to recommend approval to the Village Board of Ordinance 2023-09, an ordinance amending various changes to Chapter 62 – Zoning, related to solar energy collection systems after its review by SolSmart. Fischer seconded the motion. Motion passes 6-0.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Thursday, October 19, 2023, at 6:00 PM

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Fischer motioned to adjourn; Seconded by Brussock. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:55 PM.