

**Minutes
Sustainability & Natural Resources
Committee Meeting
April 8, 2024**

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

Members Absent: Kitty Brussock

Staff Present: Sayer Larson, Parks Superintendent; Kong Thao, associate planner; Phil McDade, utility clerk.

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. Schultz motioned to approve the minutes of the March 11, 2024, Sustainability & Natural Resources Committee meeting. Seconded by Clow. Motion carried 6-0.

4. BUSINESS.

- a. **Update regarding the upcoming Arbor Day event**

Larson discussed with the committee the upcoming Arbor Day celebration on April 27 at Lewis Park with guest speakers; seedlings to plant 50 trees will also be provided at the event. Participation is free and open to the public.

- b. **Discussion of year two of No Mow May.**

Thao discussed details of the village's second No Mow May. The village has authorized funds for 50 additional No Mow May signs that residents can obtain through registration with the village at the Community and Economic Development Department. The village is also encouraging Low Mow May activities to encourage less mowing of lawns.

- c. **Discussion regarding updates to the Village's Outdoor Recreation & Open Space Plan.** Thao reviewed ongoing planning regarding the recreation and open space plan, including a public information meeting scheduled for May 15, 2024 to gather community opinions.

d. Discussion from the Sustainability & Natural Resources Chair on departure.

Flaherty thanked the committee members for their contributions to village sustainability efforts, including sustainable features of the village's new Public Safety Building and other sustainability initiatives.

5. SCHEDULE NEXT MEETING DATE.

- a. Monday, May 13, 2024 at 6:00 p.m.

6. ADJOURNMENT.

Fischer motioned to adjourn; Schultz seconded. Motion carried 6-0. Meeting adjourned at 6:17 PM.