

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
JANUARY 8, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission was held on Monday, January 8, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Chair Mike Chevalier, Christine Ahmann – Maples, Kevin Toskey, Mike Hermann Jr., Kimberly Byrd.

Also present were: Council member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, Conservation Minnesota Community Coordinator Julie Drennen, WSB Engineering Representative Roxy Franta, School District Representative Margaret Mesick and Office Assistant Luann Tembreull.

Absent with prior notice: Ray Bissonnette and Scott Peterson.

AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Hermann Jr., seconded by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, all members voting in favor, the agenda was approved as amended by moving the “Comprehensive Plan Update” to first item for discussion under “Old Business”.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Hermann Jr., all members voting in favor, the December 11, 2017 minutes were approved as amended with the change on page 2 under “RITE of Spring” the time that the building be open should be 10:00 a.m.– 1:00 p.m.

OLD BUSINESS

Comprehensive Plan Update

WSB Representative, Roxy Franta, stated that a draft copy of the City’s Comprehensive Plan has been sent to the Metropolitan Council and a message has already been sent back to the City of Mahtomedi from them with only one small suggestion. She stated that the Met Council has requested the use of Mahtomedi’s draft plan for other cities to use as an example.

In reviewing the “Sustainability” section of the Comprehensive Plan, Commissioner Byrd had a few suggestions to add to the draft regarding the University of Minnesota students course SUST 4004 study. Representative Franta requested she shorten her verbiage.

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Council member Ledermann took this time to introduce himself and gave a brief history on his background.

RITE of Spring

After much discussion, it was agreed by consensus that the city should give away Hack Berry, Plum and Red Pine seedlings at this year's event. Commissioner Ahmann-Maples ordered the trees from the Washington County Conservation District during the meeting.

It was agreed by consensus that this year's event will focus on these four things:

- Energy
- Water
- Composting
- Bee Keeping / Chicken Keeping

Conservation Minnesota Community Coordinator, Julie Drennen, stated that she will create a rough table and send it to commission members for their input.

University of Minnesota Students Sustainability Case Study

Commissioner Byrd stated that the students will need the B3 Benchmark information for their class. Administrator Neilson indicated that he would get them the information that they will need.

Upon a request for those commission members who would be willing to be interviewed by the students, Commissioner Hermann Jr. volunteered regarding "water"; Commissioner Ahmann-Maples for "bike/walk"; Commissioner Byrd for "Partners in Energy"; and Commissioner Chevalier for "healthy food".

The primary contacts with the city will be Commissioners Byrd, Hermann Jr. and Ahmann-Maples.

FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS

It was agreed by consensus that the February meeting will be held on Tuesday, February 13th in order for the University of Minnesota student's to attend the commission meeting since their regular class meets Mondays and Wednesdays.

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The following items will be on the February 13th Environmental Commission agenda:

- RITE of Spring
- University of Minnesota Students Sustainability Case Study
- Climate Change Resolution – Commissioner Toskey
- Partners in Energy

ADJOURNMENT

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Toskey, all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:50 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:



Luann Tembreull, Office Assistant