

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
MAY 14, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission was held on Monday, May 14, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Chair Kim Byrd, Kevin Toskey, Mike Hermann Jr. and Christine Ahmann-Maples.

Also present were: Council member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, School District Representative Margaret Mesick and Office Assistant Luann Tembreull.

Absent with prior notice: Scott Peterson

**AGENDA**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Hermann Jr., all members voting in favor, the agenda was approved as presented.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Upon motion by Commissioner Hermann Jr., seconded by Commissioner Toskey, all members voting in favor, the April 9, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

**NEW BUSINESS**

**Newsletter Articles**

A few suggestions for the summer newsletter were:

- Pollinators
- PIE Grant
- Climate Resolution

**Metro Conference – Commissioners Byrd and Ahmann-Maples**

Chair Byrd indicated that both she and Commissioner Ahmann-Maples attended the Metro Environment Commission Conference.

Commissioner Ahmann-Maples stated that there was a lot of information provided at the conference and suggested all commission members should attend next year.

Chair Byrd than gave a brief update on what some of the other communities have accomplished. She suggested Mahtomedi should hold an educational / engaging /less formal event similar to Ted-X perhaps being sponsored by MAGI.

**New Business continued:**

Administrator Neilson indicated that Triangle Park will be re-named Veterans Memorial Park.

Chair Byrd suggested native plantings in public corridors.

Administrator Neilson stated that our recycling contract with Waste Management is being extended until December 31<sup>st</sup>, 2018.

After some discussion, it was agreed by consensus that the new recycling contract will include collection of organics and yard waste.

Administrator Neilson suggested that a meeting of the sub-committee consisting of Commissioners Ahmann-Maples, Toskey and Hermann Jr. along with Council member Ledermann and himself should take place soon to work on RFP's for a new recycling contract.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**RITE of Spring 2018 Summary**

After much discussion, it was agreed by consensus to hold the 2019 RITE of Spring event on Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. By consensus also, the commission requested Ms. Mesick look into possibly having the event next year at the new Wildwood Elementary School since there would be a lot more room for the hazardous waste drop off and for parking.

It was noted that having animals and a bouncy house there was a big hit.

It was suggested to have snack like food next year and a station for free bike tune up.

It was noted that having speakers did not work well in the gym.

Ms. Mesick asked if she could send out "thank you" emails to the vendors who attended the event. This too was approved by consensus.

**University of Minnesota Students Sustainability Class**

Chair Byrd indicated that the Sustainability Class should be taking their final soon.

**Solar United Neighbors**

Administrator Neilson noted that the City Council approved this at their last meeting.

**Old Business continued:**

**Partners in Energy Update**

It was suggested to reach out to Fed Ex.

Some discussion took place regarding the 2019 street improvements on Stillwater Road. It was suggested to implement some streetscape beautification along with the project. It was agreed by consensus to possibly have MAGI ask for donations towards street beautification along Stillwater Road and downtown Mahtomedi.

**FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS**


The following items are proposed for the next commission meeting agenda:

- Partners in Energy Update
- Comprehensive Plan Update
- City Forester - Steve Schumacher
- Amendments to Tree Ordinance

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Hermann Jr., all members voting in favor, the meeting was adjourned at 8:15p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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Luann Tembreull, Office Assistant