

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MINUTES
JUNE 11, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission was held on Monday, June 11, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Chair Kim Byrd, Christine Ahmann – Maples, Kevin Toskey, Mike Hermann Jr., Mike Chevalier, and Scott Peterson.

Also present were: City Council member Jeff Ledermann, City Forester Steve Schumacher and his assistant Brooke Siminson, City Administrator Scott Neilson and Office Assistant Luann Tembreull.

AGENDA

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Chevalier, all members voting in favor, the agenda was approved as amended with the addition of “SolSmart” under New Business.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Commissioner Toskey, all members voting in favor, the May 14, 2018 minutes were approved as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

City Forester – Steve Schumacher – Amendments to Tree Ordinance

Forester Schumacher and Assistant Siminson gave a brief presentation. They indicated that there are several Ash trees at Wildwood Park that are in jeopardy of becoming infected with Ash Borer. They suggest the City budget to treat some Ash trees and possibly remove others as soon as next year and continue the rotation every year due to the fact that if one becomes infected, they all will become infected. The ones that are treated need to be re-treated every two years.

After much discussion, the Commission agreed by consensus to have Forester Schumacher create a list of items he feels should be added to the City’s Ordinance and bring that list back to the July Commission meeting for review. The Commission also agreed that the City should start budgeting for more Ash Bore control.

Comprehensive Plan – Sustainability Chapter

Administrator Neilson stated that the City Council has approved the Comprehensive Plan and that it needs to be submitted to the Metropolitan Council by December 31st, 2018.

Chair Byrd stated that the Commission will receive the University of Minnesota students' sustainability information at the July Commission meeting.

SolSmart

Commissioner Peterson introduced the item and stated that SolSmart designation will provide the City with important technical assistance and advice that will support our efforts to increase solar power generation.

Commissioner Peterson stated that the City has until the end of June to submit a letter of support to the Solar Foundation in Washington D. C.

Upon motion by Chair Byrd, seconded by Commissioner Ahmann-Maples, all members voting in favor, it was agreed to have Administrator Neilson write a letter of support to the Solar Foundation with the approval of the City Council.

Council member Ledermann stated that the May 31st "Solar United Neighbors" meeting was a success with 32 residents in attendance. He stated that their next meeting will be July 12th at 6:30 in the White Bear Lake City Hall. He noted that payback for installation is less than 10 years. He reiterated that only 30 applicants are needed in the region, which would include neighboring cities as well and that the cost for installation is around \$20,000 for each applicant.

OLD BUSINESS

Partners in Energy Update

Administrator Neilson stated that 34 residents have completed Home Energy Audits. He reiterated that 200 homes are eligible to receive the 50% off their cost for an audit up to \$50.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

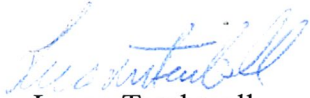
The following items are proposed for the next Commission Meeting Agenda:

- City Forester – Steve Schumacher / Amendments to Tree Ordinance
- University of Minnesota Students Sustainability Class
- SolSmart – Presentation
- Updates on Solar United
- Recycling RFP
- County Road 12 Beautification Efforts
- Partners in Energy

ADJOURNMENT

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

Respectfully Submitted by:



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