

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
MINUTES  
JULY 9, 2018**

A regular meeting of the Mahtomedi Environmental Commission was held on Monday, July 9, 2018 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Vice Chair Kevin Toskey, Christine Ahmann – Maples, Mike Chevalier and Scott Peterson.

Also present were: Council member Jeff Ledermann, SolSmart Representatives Cameron Bailey and Corrin Wendell, Conservation Minnesota Community Coordinator Julie Drennen, City Administrator Scott Neilson, and Office Assistant Luann Tembreull.

Absent with prior notice: Kimberly Byrd.

**AGENDA**

Upon motion by Vice Chair Toskey, seconded by Commissioner Chevalier, all members voting in favor, the agenda was amended with the removal of “University of Minnesota Students Sustainability Class Report”, since Commissioner Byrd is not in attendance. This item will be brought back to the August meeting.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

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

**NEW BUSINESS**

**SolSmart Presentation – Cameron Bailey, Met Council**

Representative Bailey introduced himself and stated that SolSmart is a local government designation program which recognizes communities that have taken steps to improve solar market conditions. They provide technical assistance to help integrate Renewable Energy Best Practice (BP26). All communities pursuing SolSmart designation are eligible for no-cost technical assistance from a team of national solar experts.

Representative Bailey then gave a power point presentation. In conclusion to his presentation, the City would need to send a Solar Statement to the Solar Foundation in Washington D.C.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Update on Solar United**

Conservation Minnesota Community Coordinator Julie Drennen stated that seven people signed up at the May 31<sup>st</sup> meeting. She noted that the next meeting will be held on Thursday, July 12<sup>th</sup> at the White Bear Lake City Hall. She stated that summer participation is down.

**Recycling RFP**

Administrator Neilson stated that the County is promoting drop-off locations, so the City should not promote curb-side collection of organics at this time. He stated that the County is proposing yard waste drop-off at the Hugo Public Works location off Hwy 61, and another possible location between Stillwater and Mahtomedi.

**Partners in Energy**

Administrator Neilson stated that in addition to the 34 the originally signed up for the Energy Audit, there were 3 that signed up in April; 21 in May and 1 so far in July. He stated that postcards are being sent to the 460 homes in the Historic District, which is approximately 25% of the City's population.

**County Road 12 Beautification Efforts**

Council member Ledermann stated that adjustments can be made on the proposed project with Washington County until mid-August and that a larger meeting with others should be held.

Administrator Neilson stated that donations are needed from both Mahtomedi and Willernie businesses for installation and maintenance of plants and/or flags on the light poles.

**FUTURE COMMISSION ITEMS**

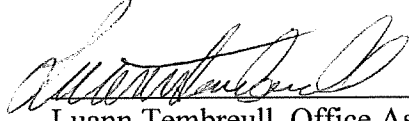
The following items will be on the next Environmental Commission agenda:

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

**ADJOURNMENT**

Upon motion by Commissioner Ahmann-Maple, seconded by Commissioner Chevalier, all members voting in favor, the meeting adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by:

  
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Luann Tembreull, Office Assistant  
Environmental Comm. July, 2018 minutes