

MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

MINUTES

JULY 13, 2020

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, July 13, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at Mahtomedi City Hall.

Present were Commission Members: Mike Chevalier, Christine Ahmann-Maples, Kevin Toskey, Brandon Cass, and Will Seuffert.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Neilson, Council Member Jeff Ledermann, and Jason Hartman from Waste Management.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Ahmann-Maples to approve agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Ahmann-Maples to approve March 9, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

APPOINT CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Motion by Toskey, seconded by Cass to appoint Christine Ahmann-Maples as Chair and Mike Chevalier as Vice-Chair. Motion carried.

NEW BUSINESS

Curbside Yard Waste/Organics – Jason Hartman, Waste Management

Jason Hartman from Waste Management was at the meeting to discuss Curbside Yard Waste/Organics. Mr. Hartmann said that the disposal sites are no longer accepting co-mingled yard waste and organics. He outlined the City may have a few options which include weekly pick-up of organics only at a higher monthly rate, providing the service to those interested and having the entire City absorb the cost, or providing a drop off site where residents could drop off their organics.

The Commission requested Mr. Hartmann come back and provide prices for the options which would also include picking up yard waste even though it would not be co-mingled.

Keeping of Goats for Grazing Ordinance

The Commission has requested the City Attorney be present at next month's meeting to answer questions about the draft ordinance. Also, the Commission requested to bring back recommended fees and a draft application.

Sustainability in 2040 Comprehensive Plan

The Sustainability Chapter in the 2040 Comprehensive Plan was provided to the Commission. Discussion focused on working and completing a Sustainability Plan. It was recommended that a representative from WSB, the City's engineering and planning firm be present at the next meeting to discuss the possibility of working with the Commission to develop the plan.

OLD BUSINESS

Business Survey/Eco-Hero Program with White Bear Chamber –

City Administrator Neilson indicated that nothing has been done with this item due to COVID-19 business closures.

Tree Ordinance Revisions –

No updates on this matter. The Commission requested the City Attorney be present at the next meeting to discuss.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are the agenda items for the August Environmental Commission Meeting:

1. Sustainability Plan discussion with WSB representative
2. Goat Grazing Ordinance discussion with City Attorney
3. Tree Ordinance Revisions discussion with City Attorney
4. Organic pick-up options.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Cass to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Scott Neilson
City Administrator