

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
Mahtomedi City Hall
600 Stillwater Road
June 13, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 6:30 |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | |
| 3. APPROVAL OF THE May 9, 2022 MEETING MINUTES | |
| 4. OLD BUSINESS | |
| - No Mow May Follow-up | |
| - Sustainability Plan Implementation | 6:35 |
| Goal 3.4 – Map to Identify gaps between Trails | |
| Goal 3.4 – Future EV Charging Station Sites. | |
| 5. NEW BUSINESS | |
| 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | 7:55 |
| 7. ADJOURNMENT | 8:00 |

MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

MAY 9, 2022

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, May 9, 2021 at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Commission Members: Christine Ahmann-Maples, Will Seuffert, Scott Peterson, and Erin Roche.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Neilson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Seuffert, seconded by Maples to approve agenda as presented. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Maples, seconded by Peterson to approve the April 11, 2022 Meeting minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

RITE OF SPRING FOLLOW-UP

The Commission discussed the RITE of Spring event held on April 23rd and any possible changes in the future. The Commission felt the event went well considering it had not been held for two years. City Administrator Neilson brought up the idea of having MAGI more involved in the planning and organization of the annual event. The Commission agreed.

NEW BUSINESS

NO MOW MAY

The Commission discussed "No Mow May" promoted by Bee City, USA. No Mow May is allowing lawns to grow naturally during the month of May without any mowing, fertilizing, or other lawn maintenance. Grass is allowed to grow and any City enforcement of nuisance long grass ordinances are lifted for one month. The purpose of No Mow May is to preserve and encourage the bee population to flourish. Commissioner Roche presented a list of cities currently approving Resolutions and their maximum height of grass allowed under their Ordinances. Attached is a copy of this document. The Commission is requesting to further discuss this item as well as review of the current Mahtomedi Ordinance.

Sustainability Plan Implementation –

The Commission discussed what they would like to focus on relating to the Sustainability Plan. City Administrator Neilson presented the Commission with priority post-it results from attendees at the RITE of Spring reflecting what attendees would like to see the Commission work on first relating to the Plan. Ecological Health came out first, followed by Community and Waste.

The Commission is recommending to continue to focus on the Travel Section of the plan. Specifically, Goal 4- Create a Map to identify gaps between trails and Goal 3 – Provide future locations for EV Charging Stations.

The Commission is requesting Public Works Director Goebel to attend the June Commission Meeting to discuss the map identifying trail and walking/biking gaps and future locations for EV Charging Stations.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following items are on the agenda for the June Environmental Commission Meeting:

1. No Mow May Follow-up/City Ordinance – Grass Length
2. Sustainability Plan Implementation
 - Goal 3.4 – Map to Identify gaps between Trails.
 - Goal 3.4 – Future EV Charging Station Sites.

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Maples, seconded by Seuffert to Adjourn. Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35.

Respectfully,

Scott Neilson
City Administrator

Table 1. Minnesota Cities Participating in No Mow May

<i>Year Passed</i>	<i>City/materials</i>	<i>Usual Max Height</i>	<i>Registration?</i>	<i>Implementation</i>
2020	<u>Rochester</u> - <u>Sign</u>	12"	no	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signs provided
2021	<u>North Oaks</u>			
	<u>West St Paul</u> - <u>Resolution</u> - <u>Sign</u>	8"	no	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signs provided ● Participating residents must display sign ● Enforcement resumes June 1
2022	<u>Edina</u> - <u>Council materials</u> - <u>Sign</u>	10"	<u>Yes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signs provided ● Properties must be back into compliance by June 15
	<u>Monticello</u> - <u>Council notes</u>	8"	no	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Enforcement resumes June 1
	<u>New Brighton</u> - <u>Sign</u>	8"	<u>Yes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signs provided to first 250 ● Properties must be in compliance by June 10
	<u>Vadnais Heights</u> - <u>Resolution</u> - <u>Sign</u>	10"	<u>Yes</u>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ● Signs provided to first 50
	<u>Mankato</u>	12"	<u>Yes</u>	
	<u>North Mankato</u>	6"	<u>Yes</u>	
	<u>Crystal</u>	8"	no	

	<u>Mendota Heights</u>	12"	no	<ul style="list-style-type: none">• Properties must be in compliance by June 6
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- B. Interferes with, obstructs, or renders dangerous for passage, any public highway or right-of-way, or waters used by the public; or
 - C. Does any other act or omission declared by State law or this Section to be a public nuisance.
2. Public Nuisances Affecting Health. The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting health:
- A. Exposed accumulation of decayed or unwholesome food or vegetable matter not including composting in the manner permitted in Section 12.02(2)(G);
 - B. All diseased animals running at large;
 - C. All ponds or pools of stagnant water;
 - D. Carcasses of animals not buried or destroyed within twenty-four (24) hours after death;
 - E. Accumulation of manure, refuse, or other debris;
 - F. Garbage cans which are not rodent-free or fly-tight, or which are so maintained as to constitute a health hazard or to emit foul and disagreeable odors;
 - G. The pollution of any public well or cistern, stream or lake, canal or body of water by sewage, industrial waste, or other substances;
 - H. All noxious weeds and other rank growths of vegetation upon public or private property;
 - I. All weeds or grass growing to a height greater than nine (9) inches;
 - J. Dense smoke, noxious fumes, gas, soot, or cinders in unreasonable quantities; and
 - K. Any offensive trade or business as defined by Statute not operating under local license.
3. Public Nuisances Affecting Morals and Decency. The following are hereby declared to be nuisances affecting public morals and decency:
- A. All gambling devices, slot machines, and punch boards, except as otherwise authorized and permitted by federal, State, or this code;