

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
Mahtomedi City Hall
600 Stillwater Road
August 8, 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. INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER JONATHAN SMIEJA | |
| 5. 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. | |
| 6. NEW BUSINESS – Green Step Cities Designation | 7:40 |
| Farmers Market | 7:45 |
| 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | 7:55 |
| 8. 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