

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
Mahtomedi City Hall
600 Stillwater Road
September 12, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

- 1. CALL TO ORDER 6:30**
- 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA**
- 3. APPROVAL OF THE AUGUST 8, 2022 MEETING MINUTES**
- 4. Michael Wilhelmi, Xcel Energy Community Relations Manager, NE Metro**
- 5. OLD BUSINESS 7:00**
 - No Mow May/City Ordinance
 - Sustainability Plan Implementation
 - Goal 3.4 – Map to Identify gaps between Trails
 - Goal 3.4 – Future EV Charging Station Sites.
 - Table at Farmers Market
- 6. NEW BUSINESS – 7:30**
 - Invasive Species – Commission Member Roche
 - Completion of a Natural Resources Inventory - Commission Member Roche
- 7. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS 7:55**
- 8. ADJOURNMENT 8:00**

MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

AUGUST 8, 2022

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, August 8, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Commission Members Maples, Chevalier, Peterson, Seuffert, Roche, New Member Jon Smieja.

Also present: Ian Harding and City Administrator Scott Neilson.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Roche to approve the agenda with the addition of discussion of the sustainability livable community grant the City has applied for. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Roche, seconded by Chevalier to approve May 9, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

INTRODUCTION OF NEW MEMBER JON SMIEJA

The City Council approved the appointment of Jon Smieja at their August 1, 2022 meeting. He will serve a term through March 31, 2025. Mr. Smieja took the opportunity to provide information about himself.

OLD BUSINESS

NO MOW MAY FOLLOW-UP

The Commission discussed "No Mow May" as a follow-up to the May meeting. The Commission is preparing for the event next May with publicity such as signage and other ways to get the word out. The Commission requested discussion of the current grass length Ordinance at the next Commission meeting as well as information from other cities regarding "No Mow May".

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

GOAL 3.4 – MAP TO IDENTIFY GAPS BETWEEN EXISTING TRAILS

City Administrator Neilson provided the Commission with a map of the existing trails as well as where there are gaps in the trail system. Ian Harding, representing MAGI and Lake Links provided the Commission with a map describing the trail gaps, which are currently funded, those that need a funding source, as well as which gaps are addressed in the Parks Plan and 2040 Comprehensive Plan. City staff and the Parks Commission will discuss planning for these trail improvements.

GOAL 3.4 – FUTURE EV CHARGING STATION SITES

City Administrator Neilson provided a list of possible sites for EV Charging. (See attached list) The Commission requested information about the usage of the current charging station in Veteran's Park. The Commission discussed other locations such as the library, district education center, and private organizations as possible future sites. The Commission also discussed the need for fast chargers for some locations.

NEW BUSINESS

GREEN STEP CITIES DESIGNATION

City Administrator Neilson announced the City did receive its Green Step Cities Step 5 designation again this year and was presented with the block and certificate at the annual League of Minnesota Cities conference in June.

FARMER'S MARKET

The Commission discussed having a table at the Farmers Market to display the Sustainability Plan approved in 2021 as well as giving away LED lighting kits. The Commission discussed the August 13th and September 3rd markets to have a table.

MET COUNCIL LIVABLE COMMUNITIES SUSTAINABILITLY GRANT

City Administrator Neilson announced the City was applying for a professional services livable communities grant. The grant would provide \$50,000 for WSB to produce policies or ordinance revisions relating to the implementation of some of the goals in the Sustainability Plan.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. No Mow May/City Ordinance
2. Sustainability Implementation
 - 3.4 – Gaps in Trail System
 - 3.4 - Future EV Charging Station Sites
3. Farmers Market Table

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Roche to Adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:07.

Respectfully,

Scott Neilson
City Administrator

Future Trail Connections

- Briarwood Ave. Burlington Northern Line (Quail to Hallam Ave.)
- Hallam Ave. (Briarwood Ave. to Hickory St.)
- Maple St. (From new sidewalk to Hallam Ave.)
- Street Car Trail (from trail terminus on Fir St. West on Fir St to Mahtomedi Ave. North to Hickory St.)
- Dahlia St. (Sidewalk/trail from Warner Ave. to East Ave.)
- Echo Shores Trail (From South terminus through Century College to the South to Long Lake Rd.)
- Wildwood Park (From terminus near shelter South to Old Wildwood Rd. Bike trail)

Future EV Charger Locations

Powerlines must be nearby for connection

- Wedgewood Park.
- Southwest Park lower soccer field?
- Mahtomedi Beach.
- Fire Station.
- Katherine Abbott Park.
- Well House #6.
- Well House #5.
- Well House #3 Hallam Park.

- 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;