

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
Mahtomedi City Hall
600 Stillwater Road
October 11, 2021
6:30 P.M.**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 6:30 |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | |
| 3. APPROVAL OF THE July 12, 2021 MEETING MINUTES | |
| 4. OLD BUSINESS
– Sustainability Plan Draft | 6:35 |
| 5. NEW BUSINESS
- Composting Update
- 2022 RITE of Spring | 7:30 |
| 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | 7:45 |
| 7. ADJOURNMENT | 7:50 |

MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JULY 12, 2021

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, July 12, 2021 at 6:36 p.m.

Present were Commission members: Christine Ahmann-Maples, Mike Chevalier, Will Seuffert and Scott Peterson. Absent: Peter Merrill.

Also present: Council Member Jeff Ledermann and Amy Fredregill WSB.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Will Seuffert, seconded by Mike Chevalier to approve the agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Christine Ahmann-Maples, seconded by Scott Peterson to approve the June 14, 2021 minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainability Plan

Amy Fredregill of WSB walked through the most recent draft of the Sustainability Plan with open discussion on the goals within each of the sections.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

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

1. Sustainability Plan
2. Composting Update from the city

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Will Seuffert, seconded by Scott Peterson to adjourn meeting. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 p.m.

Mahtomedi Sustainability Plan 2021

1. VISION

Sustainability is built into the City of Mahtomedi's core vision, "A Vision to Sustain Our Small Town." Mahtomedi residents have strong connections with each other, the natural environment, and the local businesses, creating a small-town atmosphere. The community's unique culture stems in part from the historic Chautauqua Associations, the Wildwood Amusement Park, streetcar transportation, and summer cottages along White Bear Lake. Mahtomedi is widely recognized for outstanding schools, community celebrations, local businesses, and natural beauty. These "Small Town" qualities are valued by the residents. To sustain this way of life, it is important that future planning and development promote healthy living opportunities, sustainable energy infrastructure, the use of renewable resources, preservation and protection of natural resources, and resiliency practices in decision making throughout the community.

1.1. What Do We Mean by "Sustainability"?

A Sustainability Plan declares a "Vision Towards a Sustainable Future" by taking actions that are ecologically sound, economically viable, and socially just and humane to continue the long-term cultural, ecological, and economic health and vitality of the City and the planet indefinitely.

For this plan, *sustainability* is based on the principle that everything that we need for survival and well-being depends, either directly or indirectly, on the natural environment. To pursue sustainability is to create and maintain the conditions under which humans and nature can exist in productive harmony to support present and future generations (NEPA, 1969).

Sustainability is based on three pillars: environment, economy, and society. The environment includes all of earth's natural systems and the use of resources by humans. Economy refers to communities being able to maintain their independence and have access to the resources that they require to meet their needs. Society includes the universal human rights and necessities that all people require to keep their families and communities healthy and secure. All these pillars must be considered together to find a lasting balance. (World Commission, 1987).

