

**MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MEETING AGENDA
Mahtomedi City Hall
600 Stillwater Road
November 14, 2022
6:30 P.M.**

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| 1. CALL TO ORDER | 6:30 |
| 2. APPROVAL OF AGENDA | |
| 3. APPROVAL OF THE OCTOBER 10, 2022 MEETING MINUTES | |
| 4. OLD BUSINESS | |
| 5. NEW BUSINESS – | 6:35 |
| - Report from City Forester | |
| - Sustainability Grant/Landscape Ordinance | |
| - RITE of Spring 2023 | |
| - Solar Co-op | |
| - Wildwood Apartments Sustainability Features | |
| 6. FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS | 7:55 |
| 7. ADJOURNMENT | 8:00 |

MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

OCTOBER 10, 2022

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, October 10, 2022 at 6:30 p.m.

Present were Commission Members Maples, Chevalier, Seuffert, Roche, and Smeija.

Also present: City Administrator Scott Neilson and Resident Tom Collins.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Seuffert, seconded by Roche to approve the August 8, 2022 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

NO MOW MAY/CITY ORDINANCE

The Commission as a follow-up to the No Mow May discussion brought up the idea of a proposed landscaping ordinance that distinguishes native plantings and other alternatives to turf grass. The Commission discussed if the City Planner could draft up a proposed ordinance to address these alternatives. It was agreed that City Administrator Neilson will follow-up with the City Planner.

SUSTAINABILITY PLAN IMPLEMENTATION

GOAL 3.4 – MAP TO IDENTIFY GAPS BETWEEN TRAILS

A possible funding option was discussed for two of the gaps between trails on the trails map. Both grants would be through the Minnesota Department of Transportation. The City will be submitting a letter of intent for the Briarwood Trail piece on the old railroad right away. The second is located in Katherine Abbot Park.

GOAL 3.4 – FUTURE EV CHARGING STATION SITES.

The Commission continued their discussion from the August meeting of future EV Charging Station Sites. Aside from the identified sites on City property, the Commission suggested reaching out to the County Library, School District property, and private businesses.

NEW BUSINESS

INVASIVE SPECIES – The Commission discussed that there are volunteers interested in participating in removing invasive species, however they are interested in waivers. City Administrator Neilson will look into this.

COMPLETION OF A NATURAL RESOURCES INVENTORY – The Commission inquired if the City currently has a Natural Resources Inventory for Katherine Abbot Park. City staff will look into this matter and report back. The Commission is also requesting the City Forester come to a future Commission meeting to discuss diseased trees and an inventory of trees that have been marked.

Other matters discussed at the meeting included the following:

Solar Permits – What is the status or number of permits for solar installations. Also, explore another solar coop opportunity.

Pond Dredging – The status of the cleaning of ponds and public works update on inlets.

Apartments at 830 Wildwood Road – Review Sustainable Practices that are being implemented for the new apartment complex.

Sustainability Grant – Recently the City received a grant in the amount of \$44,000 for consultant work for items addressed the Sustainability Plan. The Commission is requesting more information about the grant and the priorities it will used for.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

1. Landscape Ordinance.
2. City Forester Report
3. RITE of Spring 2023
4. Solar Co-op
5. Sustainability Grant

ADJOURNMENT

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

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Submitted by:

Scott Neilson
City Administrator