

MAHTOMEDI ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING

MINUTES

JANUARY 11, 2021

A regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was held on Monday, January 11, 2021 at 6:30 p.m. via zoom.

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

Also present: Council Member Jeff Ledermann, City Administrator Scott Neilson, and Roxy Robertson, WSB.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Toskey to approve agenda. Motion carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Seuffert to approve December 14, 2020 meeting minutes. Motion carried.

OLD BUSINESS

Sustainability Plan

Roxy Robertson from WSB presented the same outline as last month. (See attached) The Commission focused on what the plan could look like with Ecological Health as the first indicator discussed. Discussion focused on coordination with the goals in the Comprehensive Plan which include pollinator vegetation, rain gardens, wetland protection, tree preservation, and a natural resources management plan. Commissioner Toskey volunteered to review the other indicators (energy, water, travel, community, waste, and climate) and come back with information for the Commission.

NEW BUSINESS

Community Survey Questions

City Administrator Neilson provided some background on the community survey performed every four to five years by the professional polling company Morris Leatherman and Associates. The City Council is scheduled to hold a work session for January 19, 2021 at 5:30 to discuss questions. The Commission provided some suggested question topics related to sustainability. These include promotion of renewable energy, incentives for solar energy, access to alternative energy, organics collection, organized trash collection, and the RITE of Spring event.

FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS

The following are on the agenda for the February Environmental Commission Meeting:

1. Sustainability Plan

ADJOURNMENT

Motion by Chevalier, seconded by Toskey to adjourn meeting. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted,

Scott Neilson
City Administrator