

**VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, February 3, 2021 at 5:15 PM
MUNICIPAL COMPLEX - 2000 MUNICIPAL DRIVE**

*“To help sustain our community for future generations by using resources in the most responsible ways at the right times and for the right reasons.”
-Fox Crossing Sustainability Committee Mission Statement*

Attendance:

Kris Koeppe, Chair
*Michael Scheibe, Citizen Member
Veronica Kasperek, Citizen Member
Tracy Romzek, Citizen Member
*Laurie Collin, Citizen Member
(*) present via virtual platform

Staff:

George Dearborn, Director of Community Development
Farrah Yang, Associate Planner*

Other:

Jim Wise*

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koeppe called the meeting to order at 5:15pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Scheibe and second by Ms. Kasperek to approve the minutes from the November 4th, 2020 and January 6th, 2021 meetings with no corrections.

The motion carried 5-0.

PUBLIC FORUM: Non-Agendized Village Related Matters

Pursuant to WI Statutes 19.83(2) & 19.84(2), the public may present matters; however, they cannot be acted upon. There is a three minute time limit per person on non-repetitive matters.

Ms. Romzek made a public service announcement that volunteers are currently grooming Woodland Prairie Park and she asked everyone to stay off and not make imprints with shoes. She urged everyone hiking to walk on the side of the trails because volunteers groom the trails for biking.

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chairman Koeppe discussed how much it costs for garbage and recycling pick up and landfill costs. He said that it would be an advantage for residents of the Village to recycle more and properly because it is \$44/ton for garbage and only \$10/ton for recycling. He also mentioned that recycling does not accept shredded paper anymore and that we need to inform our residents about this major change.

Most of the committee mentioned other places that do shredding like Office Max and there are Shred Events or they could use it for recreational fires.

OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Gardens
 - a. Garden Terms – Organic Gardening, Signs
 - b. Update on water bill

Chairman Koeppe clarified that the Sustainability Committee is in charge of the water bill. He asked the committee to review the Garden Terms if see if there were any concerns.

Ms. Collins brought up the organic gardening section and Mr. Wise explained that in the beginning, they wanted the gardening to be organic but they could not enforce organic. He said there were certain Round Ups that were okay to use such as the 3 day Blue Label but all the other ones would not be okay.

Mr. Wise also talked about the garden fees and how the fee is in line with the other community gardens in the area, but no one else offers water like Fox Crossing. He also mentions that any signs gardeners want to put in their garden has to be approved by the Parks and Recreation Department because it is on their property. The Director of Parks and Recreation has the last call on the sign. Mr. Wise also said that the Parks and Recreation Department turns on and off the water in the spring.

2. Plastic Film update

Mr. Scheibe said that he had 16 lbs himself. Director Dearborn had about 10 lbs a week from residents dropping theirs off.

3. LED lights update

Chairman Koeppe gave an update about the lights saying that WE Energies is waiting for parts overseas and will be staying in touch with them for more updates.

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4. Future Project Discussion

Mr. Scheibe brought up the possibility of doing an audit of the Municipal Building to see what we can do and make a few changes in the facility. Chairman Koeppe said there was done a number of years ago but nothing recently. He said he would talk to Jeff and Randy about it. This would include all buildings.

Ms. Romzek brought up education and recycling and showing people how to recycle correctly. She suggested putting the fees on each individual's utility bill for them to see their impact. Others brought up not picking up the recycling if it is not done correctly, records of how many bins each home requests, or just any data to collect to show the impact. Maybe this could be a high school partnership project.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Website Refreshing

Chairman Koeppe brought up that the committee should review the Sustainability web pages and see what needs to be changed to refresh it. He gave an example of the Tri County Recycling.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Ms. Kasperek and second by Mr. Scheibe to adjourn the meeting.

The motion carried 5-0.

6:00 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
February 3, 2020 Minutes

Farrah Yang,
Recording Secretary

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