

**VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, April 7, 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
Tracy Romzek, Citizen Member
Laurie Collin, Citizen Member
Veronica Kasperek, Citizen Member
(*) present via virtual platform

Absent:

Susan Garcia Franz, Citizen Member

Staff:

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

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. Romzek to approve the minutes from the March 3rd, 2021 meeting 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.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

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OLD BUSINESS

1. Community Gardens

There was a discussion on whether or not more gardens could be added because Ms. Yang mentioned that both gardens have long wait list especially at Schildt Park.

Ms. Romzek asked about the Village land that a Farmer rents and if that area would be good to do more Community Gardens.

Chairman Koeppe said there would be no water there but he will mention something to Director Geiser about how to add more gardens.

2. Electronic Recycling

Chairman Koeppe said the event is on the 17th and he will announce this at the Village Board on Monday and will ask for additional Volunteers.

3. Recycling Education Plans

Ms. Romzek handed out recycling flyers and magnets to everyone in the group and said the magnets are something the Committee could hand out at the Electronic Recycling. She said she could get 500 easily.

Chairman Koeppe said that if stickers were available instead of magnets, those could be sent out in the utility bills.

Director Dearborn mentioned that these materials if it cost anything could be funded with the garbage fund.

4. Plastic Film Recycling

Director Dearborn said that the bags at the Municipal Building and the Community Center are becoming fuller and staff has had to use their own personal vehicle and time to drop off the bags.

Chairman Koeppe announced that he retired but he still plans to pick up the plastic at Jack's so he could swing by and get the ones at the Municipal Building.

Mr. Scheibe said that he looked into getting something to bundle the plastic bag and said it would cost \$1100 to bundle.

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Ms. Romzek said she might know someone they could work with and Ms. Kasperek suggested that the committee look into UW FOX or UWGB to see if they do that and can partner with the Committee.

NEW BUSINESS

1. No Mow May Resolution

Mr. Scheibe asked how many people would take it up because he knows in his subdivision, Winding Creek, people like to have well maintained lawns.

Ms. Romzek brought up how when Appleton started doing this last year, she remember a lot of people from the Village saying that they would not want to participate.

Chairman Koeppe said that the Sustainability Committee would recommend to the Board as a resolution and not actually changing the ordinances. The resolution is just for the month of May. If there are problems with it this year, then it would not need to continue next year. He also asked that the first sentence of the resolution be taken out because the Village does not want to have to do a program. The Board would ask who would be in charge. The organization who asked us to put this resolution forth should be responsible.

Ms. Collins said that there was an article from Appleton that came out on March 3rd that 23% of their complaints came from No Mow May. She asked how we could be proactive about the complaints.

Ms. Romzek suggested that all of those who want to participate will need a yard sign that they will be participating.

Ms. Kasperek said that the organization, Pollenablers, might have some of those signs per their letter.

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried 5-0.

5:42 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
April 7, 2021 Minutes

Farrah Yang,
Recording Secretary

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