

**VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, May 5, 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
Veronica Kasperek, Citizen Member
(* present via virtual platform)

Absent:

Susan Garcia Franz, Citizen Member
Laurie Collin, Citizen Member

Staff:

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

Other:

Eric Cihlar, 1024 Bridgeview Ct
Ronan Cihlar, 1024 Bridgeview Ct

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 April 7th, 2021 meeting with no corrections.

The motion carried 4-0.

PUBLIC FORUM: Non-Agendized Village Related Matters

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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

Chairman Koeppe mentioned that a resident asked about having more than 4 chickens for the backyard chicken ordinance.

Ms. Kasperak said that the argument for having more than 4 chickens is that chickens are purchased in 6 instead of four.

Chairman Koeppe said that there were only one person who inquired and other communities who do not allow more.

OLD BUSINESS

1. No Mow May

Chairman Koeppe said that the resolution is in everyone's packet and encompasses all the ideas the committee wanted with a few changes that he and Village Manager, Jeff Sturgell, made.

There was a discussion on whether or not the Village will participate in No Mow May. Chairman Koeppe answered that the Village will not be participating at the parks because patrons will not be able to enjoy the open fields.

2. Electronic Recycling

Chairman Koeppe said that the event was the most successful collecting almost 40,000 lbs of electronics. The closest one was only 15000 less. The next one will be October 9th.

Mr. Cihlar asked when the event took place because it seems as if he missed it.

Director Dearborn said that several people called about missing the event too. They are able to take their items to Winnebago County or to Recycle that Stuff on College and Linwood.

Ms. Kasperak asked if the Police said anything because they had to direct traffic from the line being so long. Chairman Koeppe said they did not.

Director Dearborn said that there was also the Representative that had an event that day too.

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3. Plastic Film Recycling

Chairman Koeppe said that he picked up 135 lbs at the event for a total of 200 lbs for April. With new members in the audiences, Chairman Koeppe explained that the Sustainability Committee collects plastic bags and film for Trex. Every 6 months if they can collect over 600 lbs, Trex will give them a bench that they put in the parks.

Mr. Chilar said that they collect a lot but usually brings it to Festival.

Ms. Yang said that if they would like to, they could weigh the amount of bags themselves, email it to the Village and then drop off their bags themselves.

Ms. Kasperek said that Evergreen Credit Union still gets a lot now that the lobby is open.

4. Community Gardens

Ms. Yang said that gardeners should be starting their gardens now. They have until June 1 to start their garden otherwise their garden will be forfeited and given away. There is about 20 people on the waitlist for Schildt Park and 15 for Wittmann Park.

Mr. Scheibe added that he will go out to the gardens Friday afternoon to check on them.

5. Recycling Education Plans

Chairman Koeppe said that members of the committee handed out magnets, recycling information, and stormwater information. The committee can also send things out in the utility bills, perhaps put stickers of those magnets there. Tracy has been taking the lead on the recycling education.

Ms. Romzek said that it was important to give everyone the right information. She said that not everyone knows the proper way to recycle. For example, caps on all plastics are fine now and metal on glass is fine too. The process of how glass gets recycled is that they crushed first but if things are left in the glass, little stuff gets put in the crushed glass and it becomes dirty and no longer useful.

Chairman Koeppe said single stream recycling was created to make it easier for people but a lot of things are becoming too dirty to be recycled. Companies are still trying to figure it out.

Ms. Romzek said that Tri-county has short little clips of recycling and even has tik toks for younger generations.

Ms. Yang asked what was the end goal for Recycling Education.

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Ms. Romzek replied that it would be to increase the Village's recycling haul and decrease the waste haul since waste costs more. If the community recycles more than there would be less thrown into trash and the waste haul will go down.

Mr. Cihlar said that it would be helpful if someone just slapped a sticker on the bins instead of sending it in the utility bills because those would usually get tossed. He also said that this would be a good boys scout project.

Ms. Kasperek said that she likes the QR codes because those can be changed but stickers get outdated.

The committee discussed how to get the data on truckload.

Chairman Koeppe said he will get the data for how many pounds for the year and the cost of it.

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried 4-0.

5:53 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
May 5, 2021 Minutes

Farrah Yang,
Recording Secretary

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