

**VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, September 9, 2020 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

**Excused:**

Susan Garcia-Franz, Citizen Member  
Tracy Romzek, Citizen Member

**Staff:**

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

**Other:**

James Wise, Community Gardens Coordinator  
Laurie Collin, 704 Treyburn Ct.

**CALL TO ORDER**

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

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A motion was made by Mr. Scheibe and second by Ms. Kasperek to approve the minutes from the August 2<sup>nd</sup>, 2020 meeting with no corrections.

The motion carried 3-0.

**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.*

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Chairman Koeppe introduced himself to Ms. Collins. He said he was one of the originals to the committee.

Ms. Kasperek introduced herself and said she has been on the committee for 2 years now. She is the Sustainability and Marketing Manager for Evergreen Credit Union.

Mr. Scheibe said he has been on the committee for 6 years.

Director Dearborn said he has been here for years before the committee even started. He is staff and is just here to do what the committee tells him to do.

Ms. Yang said she is also staff and happy to be here.

Mr. Wise said he is the coordinator of the community gardens and was one of the originals of the committee. He recently moved so he will not be able to sit on the committee anymore.

Ms. Collins introduced herself. She works at Goodwill as HR for a little less than a year but was at Thedacare before and sustainability was always relevant at both places. She has 4 boys, 3 high schools and one middle school. She's thinking about their future and excited to be here.

## **MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Chairman Koeppe said that the Village is contracting with a new recycling firm starting January 1<sup>st</sup>. We should hand out flyers and literature at the Electronic Recycling event and in utility bills that teaches residents how to properly recycle their materials.

## **OLD BUSINESS**

### 1. August Cleanup Report –

Ms. Yang said that 476 bags of trash, 15 electronics, 16 tires, 89 bags of recycling, 177 balloons, 1010 plastic bags, and 1163 straws were picked up by 834 volunteers.

Chairman Koeppe explained that this was an annual cleanup on the Fox-Wolf Watershed that the Sustainability Committee sponsors.

### 2. Electronic Recycling

Chairman Koeppe said that this event happens twice a year and we've been doing this event for 8 years now. It will be on October 10<sup>th</sup> this year. It's quite a successful event. Chairman Koeppe said he will announce this event at the next two Village Board meetings. Flyers have been sent in utility bills. Chairman Koeppe discussed this with the Street Superintendent, Randy, and he is onboard with the COVID procedures.

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Ms. Yang said she made a facebook event for the Electronic Recycling and asked everyone to please share it.

### 3. LED Lights

Chairman Koeppel said that this was a project where WE Energies is converting many of our street lights to LED. The payback is in 4 hours. The check has been sent, but it has not started yet because of the backup in parts. They should be starting this process in the next few weeks.

Ms. Collins asked if it is just a trial first or are they planning to replace all street lights in the future.

Chairman Koeppel said that they are trying a few sections of the Village first and if it goes well, then they will ask the Village board to do more sections and eventually all the street lights in the Village will be replaced.

Director Dearborn said that he mandates LED lights and direct cutoff light for site plan reviews to avoid dark skies.

Chairman Koeppel said that dark skies and light pollution affects bird migration. This was something they looked into and he contacted WE Energies and found that they had a program for it.

### 4. Community Gardens

Mr. Wise said that the gardens are winding down. We set a deadline of November 1<sup>st</sup>. Last year we had to keep pushing it back because of early snow so we will have to put in better effort to get on top of them. Farrah sent an email last week and we will have to remind people earlier so they don't just abandon them like last year. Mr. Wise said he will ask parks to shut off water and continue to check on the hoses until the end of the season.

Chairman Koeppel said that they have two gardens, Schildt and Wittman. Jim has been spear heading these efforts since the beginning. Because Jim can no longer be part of the committee, we will ask someone else to step up in his place. Jim has agreed to help with the gardens as a consultant with all his knowledge. We will just need someone to assist Jim.

### 5. Plastic Bags Update

Chairman Koeppel said that Ronie got us involved with collecting plastics. Twice a year if we can collect over 600 lbs of plastic film, Trex will give us a bench which we place in parks.

Ms. Kasperek said that this program has become so popular that they do not even include Evergreen Credit Union's number with the Village anymore. She is looking into a more reasonable solution to collect all these bags. Usually they just bring the bags to Festival counter.

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Director Dearborn said that he has been taking the bags once a week, but this week someone dropped off 4 bags and so he is asking others on the committee to take at least one bag with them.

Chairman Koeppe said he found an article about a company in Cali that is looking for plastic to collect over 2 million of it to recycle it. Exxon in the west coast is also looking into creating diesel out of plants. When he sees articles like this, he likes to share it with the committee.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

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

The motion carried 3-0.

5:40 p.m.

Sustainability Committee  
September 9th, 2020 Minutes

Farrah Yang,  
Recording Secretary

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