

**VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, November 4, 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
Tracy Romzek, Citizen Member
*Laurie Collin, Citizen Member
(*) present via virtual platform

Excused:

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. Collin to approve the minutes from the October 7th, 2020 meeting with no corrections.

The motion carried 4-0.

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

Chairman Koeppe said that Jim was unable to attend tonight's meeting, but he will read Jim's email about the gardens.

"Because Farrah kept sending out notices as we approached the deadline the gardeners did the best job of cleaning up the gardens while the weather was still favorable.

Every year we get feedback from the gardeners on things that we have never considered. Subjects that probably be need to be discussed:

- Village Rules on burning

- Perennials can or can not be kept over with prior approval

- Fences should also be considered again with prior approval

- Set a date in 2021 to discuss garden fees.

- I don't recall any instances of garden theft. Discuss individual signs about \$300.

- I have about six generic signs that we have used for two years. I'll deliver soon.

All in all, it was a good year for the gardens. Wittmann seems to need more supervision than Schildt. I tried to walk the gardens once a week to check the hoses for breaks. As long as someone does it before the weekend, Parks can come out and turn it off."

Chairman Koeppe added that burning is not allowed in parks. He mentioned that the ordinances only allow burning for 1 or 2 acres but not allowed in parks. May have to be something that we put in our Garden Terms.

Ms. Yang said there was a question about renewing their plots for two consecutive years verses just renewing on an annual basis.

Chairman Koeppe said he does not seem any problems with it at the moment, but we do not want to encourage a number of people to hold plots for a long period of time because it does not allow new gardeners to garden too. This will be something the Sustainability Committee can review for next year.

2. Electronic Recycling Results

Chairman Koeppe said that the October Electronic Recycling event took in 35,861 lbs of electronics. He compared with previous years and this year was the most that the event ever collected.

3. 2021 Dates

Chairman Koeppe said that next year's dates will be on April 17th and October 9th. With COVID, they will continue to monitor as time comes closer.

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Director Dearborn asked about the TV and monitors and said that they were not from IT, Police, or Street. He may be able to find funds in garbage collection to cover the cost, but that is not a guarantee. Director Dearborn said we would have to monitor this more carefully next time.

Chairman Koeppe shared with the committee that prior to the start of the event that morning someone had dropped off multiple TV's and monitor screens without claim. He said the Electronic Recycling place invoiced them for \$920 when the normal amount is \$150. He also said that they may have to take it out of the sustainability fund.

There was further discussion on the mystery of the TV and monitors.

Chairman Koeppe also thanked all the volunteers because this year was the largest amount of donations, it helped to have so many volunteers.

4. Plastic Film Recycling Update

Chairman Koeppe said he recorded 225 lbs and with George's 110, plus recently 50 lbs. He said that a bench was dropped off to him so he will bring that to the parks soon.

Director Dearborn asked for help carrying the plastic film because he has been having to go twice a week to drop them off.

Ms. Kasperek said that Evergreen Credit Union is still closed to the public. They were getting so many plastic bags that her entire basement is filled. She is take a few every week to drop off. She mentioned that she did research a place in Kaukauna that may take their plastics but they prefer to do it if we do garbage with them.

Chairman Koeppe said that he calls Festivals ahead and let them know that he is dropping off a large load of plastics and they will meet him in the back to unload.

Director Dearborn said he would like help because he also has to go do the community center now too since Jim is no longer on Park Commission. It will be especially if he plans to take vacations and is gone for a longer period of time, it will pile up in our office.

Chairman Koeppe said that we will have to discuss this in January and that it should not fall on staff.

Ms. Yang also mentioned that they will need help with community gardens as well. She takes care of all the administrative things, but we need someone to go to the gardens at least once a week to check on them.

Chairman Koeppe announced that there will be no meeting in December and the committee will meet in January.

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ADJOURNMENT

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

The motion carried 4-0.

5:35 p.m.

Sustainability Committee
November 4th, 2020 Minutes

Farrah Yang,
Recording Secretary

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