



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

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CALL TO ORDER

APPROVAL OF OCTOBER 2021 MINUTES

PUBLIC FORUM: Non-Agendized Village Related Matters

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MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

OLD BUSINESS

1. Electronic Recycling Review
2. Community Gardens
 - a. Rules Reviews/Updates
3. Additional Member Discussion
4. LED Street Lights update
5. Plastics Recycling Update
6. Recycling Education Plan

NEW BUSINESS

ADJOURNMENT

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Attendance:

Kris Koeppe, Chair
Michael Scheibe, Citizen Member
Veronica Kasperek, Citizen Member
Laurie Collin, Citizen Member
Tracey Romzek, Citizen Member
Susan Garcia Franz, Citizen Member

Staff:

Farrah Yang, Associate Planner
George Dearborn, Community Development Director

Other:

Jackie Weninger, 957 Mill Pond Lane

CALL TO ORDER

Chairman Koeppe called the meeting to order at 5:18pm

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

A motion was made by Mr. Scheibe and second by Ms. Romzek to approve the minutes from the August 4th, 2021 meeting with no corrections.

The motion carried 5-0. Ms. Collins was absent at the time of the vote.

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Ms. Weninger, 957 Mill Pond Lane, asked to keep her fence up at the community gardens. She said that she's been there since it has been open and never understood why they could not keep it up. She said it is beneficial to keep fence up because it holds stuff inside the garden.

Chairman Koeppe asked the Committee if they could push Community Gardens up on the Agenda. Committee agreed with the change

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1. Community Gardens

Chairman Koeppe said he spoke to Amanda about fencing and her only concern was mowing issues. However, if someone pays for the following year, he does not see an issues with leaving the fence up.

Ms. Weninger said that it costs a lot to keep purchasing new fences every year.

Ms. Romzek and a few committee members said they did allow that but must have taken it out because people decided to not come back and left their fence.

Chairman Koeppe reiterated that the Committee would be okay if Gardeners wanted to leave their fences so long as they pay ahead for the following year.

The Committee moved on to talk about the water issues at the Gardens.

Mr. Koeppe said that he talked to David Tracey, Utility Superintendent, and Eddie Tauscher, Park Foreman, about the hoses. Both said that the vacuum break on those hoses are required by ordinances and that they are designed to spit the water back out. Eddie told him that if the hose was rolled up entirely, then it will not spray. But people just do not want to do it. He said that the ties and towels will help for now. He also talked to David about the meter size and if they go down to 1 inches at Wittman versus its current 1.5, then it would save \$23 a month. Mr. Koeppe then went on to talk about expanding the gardens but it could not be done at either parks. At Schildt Park the prairie should not be disturbed. There are possibilities near the stormwater ponds that are being developed.

2. Electronic Recycling

Mr. Koeppe said it is on Saturday. There are handouts and asked everyone who can volunteer to come, but Recycle that Stuff should be doing the bulk of the work.

3. Additional Member Discussion

Mr. Koeppe said that it would be great to get another member who can take on Community Garden entirely. He asked that Farrah put it on the November newsletter to see if any gardeners are interested.

Ms. Collins said that Ms. Weninger loves gardening and she would be a great candidate.

Mr. Koeppe said that adding more members will increase the number quorum but would need someone who is more hands on and take off work off of Farrah.

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4. Recycling Education Plans

The Committee talked about helping residents understand the process of recycling. They said that there has to be a better way of approaching it other than handing out flyers at the Electronic Recycling events.

Ms. Romzek went over the process of recycling again and the importance of doing it correctly.

Ms. Garcia Franz asked there was anything like National Night out where the Sustainability Committee could have an educational booth.

Chairman Koeppe said that the Police Department is in charge of it but with COVID it has not been happening. He hopes that by next summer or early spring it can happen again.

Ms. Yang brought up that a student contacted the Village about putting a web link on our website about recycling glass.

Ms. Romzek explained that with a single stream, the glass gets cut first so it has to be absolutely clean.

Ms. Laurie said she reviewed the website and it was a little misleading because it talks about a dual stream recycling. The county only does a single stream.

Ms. Yang said she would explain that to the student and get her in contact with Ms. Romzek if she has more questions.

5. Plastic Film Recycling

Ms. Romzek said that she collected 32 lbs and Mr. Koeppe said that he is putting it all in one since he cannot do more than one within 6 months.

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A motion was made by Mr. Scheibe and second by Ms. Romzek to adjourn the meeting.
The motion carried 4-0.

5:47 p.m.
Sustainability Committee
August 4, 2021 Minutes
Farrah Yang,
Recording Secretary

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