

**VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING
Wednesday, January 3, 2024 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
Susan Garcia Franz, Citizen Member
Laurie Collins, Citizen Member
Thomas Willecke, Citizen Member
Michael Scheibe, Citizen Member
Megan Horejs, Citizen Member
Tracy Romzek, Citizen Member

Absent:

None

Staff:

George Dearborn, AICP, Director of Community Development
Dan Dieck, Associate Planner

Others

Lauren Linstedt

Kris Koeppe called the meeting to order at 5:16 pm

MINUTES

Thomas Willecke moved and Michael Scheibe seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the November 1, 2023 Sustainability Committee meeting. (No December meeting)
Motion carried.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS

Chairman Koeppe asked Lauren Linstedt to give an update on the new compost bins for the Schildt Park community gardens.

Lauren Linstedt of 638 Zeh Ave

Lauren Linstedt, a Girl Scout and Neenah High School student, shared that all 6 bins are built and we had more gardeners interested than we have bins. Right now 3 of the bins have partnerships and 2 of the bins are being used by individuals. Chairman Koeppe suggested we look to find a gardener willing to oversee the compost bins when Lauren is no longer involved.

Chairman Koeppe asked for a discussion regarding attendance and whether the Committee thought we should look at a different day and time for the meetings. It was the general consensus of the Committee that the day and time of the meeting was still appropriate and no changes will be made at this time.

OLD BUSINESS

Kris Koeppe distributed copies of the Fox Crossing Procurement Policy, adopted by the Board on September 26, 2011. He asked the Committee to review it to make sure that the policies are still valid. There was a discussion

regarding the use of plastic outdoor wood substitutes. It was suggested to ask Parks Director Amanda Geiser based on what we know now after 12 years, if this is working well.

Chairman Koepp reported that in the beginning of 2023 we had collected a total of 14,209 Lbs. of plastic film. The latest amount of bags submitted was 794 Lbs., and we have 206 Lbs. left to reach the goal of 1000 and we have 274 days to do that to get a bench.

He also informed the committee that the reason weight is down for electronic recycling is due to the evolution of technology, as electronics become more advanced they are becoming thinner and parts become smaller, they weigh less now. Over the years we have collected a total of 508,926 lbs. He said the dates for the 2024 Electronics Recycling Events were April 27th and October 12th.

NEW BUSINESS

Chairman Koepp distributed a handout showing the account balances for the Sustainability Committee. He said the balance on January 1, 2023 was \$6,367.22, total income in 2023 was \$2,585.00, which is primarily from community garden plot rentals. We had expenses of \$2,643.83, primarily from utility bills, and the ending balance for 2023 was \$6,308.39. We do have a small budget to work with for any projects we feel are appropriate.

Laurie Collins reported that the Neenah High School Eco Club would perhaps have a proposal for the committee to consider in the 2024 year.

Chairman Koepp shared that he was in contact with Kathryn Hutter from Winnebago County Solid Waste and discussed food waste in the land fill creating methane gas. She said that the land fill collects the gas and convert it into electricity and sell it back to the grid. Kathy also said they have a new outreach person, Kelly Reyer who will attend our February meeting. There was a discussion regarding recycling education for the general public for training on proper recycling practices.

OTHER BUSINESS

Dan Dieck reported that Deb Swiertz has a contact at Menasha High School who is a shop teacher and is willing to make garden markers for the community gardens.

ADJOURNMENT

A motion was made by Michael Scheibe and seconded by Thomas Willecke to adjourn the meeting. Motion carried unanimously.

5:55 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by
Dan Dieck
Recording Secretary