

**VILLAGE OF FOX CROSSING  
SUSTAINABILITY COMMITTEE MEETING  
Wednesday, March 6, 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  
Laurie Collins, Citizen Member  
Thomas Willecke, Citizen Member  
Michael Scheibe, Citizen Member  
Susan Garcia Franz, Citizen Member

**Absent:**

Megan Horejs, Citizen Member  
Tracy Romzek, Citizen Member

**Staff:**

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

**Others**

None

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

**MINUTES**

Michael Scheibe moved and Thomas Willecke seconded the motion to approve the minutes of the February 7, 2024 Sustainability Committee meeting.  
Motion carried.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS**

Chairman Koeppe shared an article with the Committee regarding No Mow May as to the legitimacy of the issue. There has been many across the country second-guessing the program and municipalities have been discontinuing participation in the program. He also stated that the Village Police Chief has asked the Committee to reconsider participation in the program because it creates an issue with residents that simply don't want to mow their lawns and use this as an excuse. At issue is that not mowing turf grass, which doesn't have any flowers in it, doesn't really have an effect on pollinators. It was the general consensus of the Committee to recommend to the Village Board to not participate in No Mow May this year.

**OLD BUSINESS**

Dan Dieck informed the committee that Lauren Linstedt would not attend the March meeting, so there was not a report on compost bins.

Chairman Koeppe reported that we have reached the goal to get another bench, yet the program will not start again until October of this year. He said he is still willing to pick up the film and the Parks Director is using the benches in Village parks.

He also informed the committee the Village is moving forward with a third LED streetlight conversion project in 2024 for 80 lights at an approximate cost of \$16,020 with an anticipated ROI of 7.30 years.

Dan Dieck reported that all community garden plots are filled in both Schildt and Wittmann Parks.

**NEW BUSINESS**

Chairman Koepp reminded the Committee of the Electronics Recycling Event scheduled for Saturday, April 27<sup>th</sup>. He also said the Village of Harrison is doing free electronics recycling, there was a short discussion.

**OTHER BUSINESS**

None

**ADJOURNMENT**

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

5:40 p.m.

Respectfully Submitted by  
Dan Dieck  
Recording Secretary