



Conservation Committee

Minutes

February 1, 2018 7:00 P.M.

Village Hall Committee Room

3930 N. Murray Avenue, Shorewood, WI 53211

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 p.m.

Members present: Chair Joshua Liberatore, Sue Murphy Yerkes, Donna Pollock, Henry Tomaszewicz, Linda Frank, Chase Kelm, Meenal Atre, Elisabeth Witt (arrived at 7:07 p.m.), and Carolyn Morse

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Melissa Tashjian from Compost Crusader

Not present: Roland Schroeder, Caroline Kuebler

2. Approve January 4, 2018 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Morse moved to approve the January 4, 2018 minutes. The motion was seconded by Ms. Pollock. Vote 8-0 to approve the minutes.

3. Staff Updates

No staff update.

4. Discuss Citizen Concerns

Mr. Liberatore raised again the issue of the smell of styrene. This issue will be discussed with the Department of Public Works.

5. Discuss and Consider Long Term Recommendation for Organics Collection Program

Mr. Liberatore introduced Ms. Tashjian from Compost Crusader. Mr. Liberatore also summarized the memorandum he prepared for the meeting. The committee discussed some of the potential next steps and some of the current ways to transition to a long-term solution for organics collection. Ms. Tashjian presented an option that Compost Crusader could purchase the carts in order to continue providing service for residents who want to keep the organic collection services. This option would be if the Village would not be interested in continuing their involvement with the services. There is a potential grant that may allow Compost Crusader to afford the carts and in return Compost Crusader would look for a multiple year contract. Mr. Burkart clarified for the committee that two decisions need to be considered by the committee. The committee needs to determine what to do for the rest of 2018 and what to consider for 2019 and beyond. The committee talked about access to some compost soil and having a community event to purchase the soil. Ms. Tashjian provided the committee a summary on how the collections have been going thus far. Mr. Liberatore moves to pass the memorandum forward to the Village Board and extend the pilot program by seven months to the end of fiscal calendar year 2018. The motion was seconded by Ms. Frank. Motion approved by 9-0 vote.

6. Discuss Environmental Film Festival Planning and Promotion

Ms. Murphy Yerkes gave the committee a summary about the planning and coordination of the events. At least one person will need to be present before 6:30 p.m. Members are asked to share the event link and volunteer to help setup chairs before the film. Mr. Burkart will make his tablet available for the committee so more surveys for the solar panel initiative can be completed. There was some discussion about guest speakers and vendors available to talk with residents. Lake Bluff PTO will be available for the first film for a bake sale.

7. Consider Fee for Bird City USA Application

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to spend \$125 for the Bird City USA application. Ms. Pollock seconded the motion. Motion approved by a 9-0 vote.

8. “Salt in the City” – Subcommittee Report

Mr. Tomasiewicz summarized a presentation from the Milwaukee Riverkeeper group to talk about the usage of salt and its impacts. The presentation focused more on the financial impacts rather than the environmental impacts. The committee talked about ways to educate the public and Village staff about the appropriate portions of salt on the roads and sidewalks. There was a suggestion of placing community bins in neighborhoods with more environmentally friendly substances to remove ice. Members will also be working on communication materials to inform residents of the impacts of high uses of salt.

9. Report from DPW Liaison

Ms. Frank provided a summary to the committee and what DPW is currently doing to review leaf removal practices. DPW will be using grant dollars to review our current program and determine next steps on how to avoid leaves going into our stormwater system.

10. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions

No upcoming events.

11. Adjournment

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Murphy Yerkes. Vote 9-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:36 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager