



Conservation Committee Minutes February 2, 2023 7:00 PM

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 PM

Members present: Joshua Liberatore, Joey Sprague, Charles Hagner, Maggie Pipek, Erin Povak, Linda Frank, Joe Shaffer, Henry Tomasiewicz, Caroline Kuebler, and Matt McGovern.

Others present: Assistant Village Manager Chris Anderson.

Not present: Adelais Burkholder, Diego Murphy, Meenal Atre.

2. Consider approval of the January 5 meeting minutes

Mr. Liberatore moved to approve the minutes, seconded by Ms. Frank. Motion carried 10-0.

3. Discuss Citizen Concerns

Mr. Tomasiewicz- commented about the salt usage on the sidewalk outside Village Hall.

4. Staff Liaison Updates

No updates.

5. Discuss preliminary results of pesticide walking audit and evaluate next steps for further study and engagement

The discussion of this agenda item included data and findings from the walk audit that took place during July-August to check for use of pesticides in the Village. The results showed overall 48 walks and logged 158 signs (of pesticide users) that were observed. Homes close to the lake were more likely to have a pesticide flag in the yard, and likely had multiple applications. The committee would like to continue the education of pesticide use in the Village and build support around avoiding using pesticides/herbicides.

6. Consider letter of support to IPM Institute for No Mow May

The IPM Institute out of Madison is going for a grant to the Fund for Lake Michigan. The letter of support will be an appeal from the committee's perspective to support the IPM program. Ms. Frank motioned to approve the letter with the Conservation Committee logo, seconded by Ms. Sprague and the motion carried 10-0.

7. Review 2021/22 annual report, begin brainstorming 2022/23 items, and discuss draft committee calendar

Mr. Liberatore discussed that the 2021 Annual Report (showing 2021 activities and 2022 initiatives) was completed before Tyler left the Village and the draft will come back to the March agenda.

Mr. Liberatore asked the committee to review the CC calendar of events and provide feedback on other items for inclusion. One item that will be added to the calendar will be a reminder to apply for the Wisconsin Pesticide Registry (open Nov-Feb).

8. Subcommittee Reports

Pollinator palooza registration is due to Milwaukee county for the space at Estabrook park.

What would the board want to see to convince them to pass NMM as an ordinance change? Metrics, etc.?

9. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions

None.

10. Adjournment

Mr. Tomasiewicz moved to adjourn, seconded by Mr. Liberatore. The motion to adjourn carried 10-0. The meeting was adjourned at 8:06 PM.

Respectfully submitted by,

Chris Anderson
Assistant Village Manager