



Conservation Committee

Minutes

April 1, 2021 7:00 P.M.

Via teleconference

1. Call to order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m.

Members present: Joshua Liberatore, Henry Tomaszewicz, Linda Frank, Caroline Kuebler, Donna Pollock, Kendra Carey, Pat Wilson, and Matt McGovern

Others Present: Assistant Village Manager Tyler Burkart, Trustee Wesley Warren

Not present: Bella Peaslee, Chuck Hagner, Elisabeth Witt, Meenal Atre, and Maggie Pipek

2. Approve March 4, 2021 Meeting Minutes

Ms. Pollock moved to approve the March 4, 2021 minutes. The motion was seconded by Mr. Tomaszewicz. Vote 8-0 to approve the minutes.

3. Discuss Citizen Concerns

Ms. Pollock mentioned a few people approached her about the dog waste stations. Those concerns include the general maintenance of the stations and the type of bags. Tr. Warren mentioned the program was approved only if the stations used compostable bags. Other concerns can be discussed with Mr. Burkart.

4. Staff Liaison Updates

Mr. Burkart mentioned the Grow Solar Greater Milwaukee Program has selected Arch Electric. Additional information will be provided in the next 1-2 months. A total of three proposals were received. The organics collection program is beginning with their new fee program and carts. Mr. Burkart answered the question about cart sizes and rates for new participants. Lastly, Mr. Burkart reminded the committee that the Village Board approved the proposed dog waste station program with the amendment of using compostable bags for the program. Tr. Ircink volunteered to do the research and find a bag that could be properly used for the stations.

5. Consider Village Board Memo on Baseline Vision 2025 Goals

Mr. Liberatore presented the final draft of the memo on Baseline Vision 2025 goals and quantifying the metrics for committee consideration. Mr. Burkart will be sending the memo to the Board via email for an update on behalf the committee. Ms. Pollock moved to approve, seconded by Ms. Kuebler. Mr. Liberatore clarified that the only goals covered in the memo were the ones originally discussed in the initial presentation in Vision 2025 with the Village Board. Ms. Kuebler suggested to be straightforward in the memo by acknowledging the Village will not be meeting the 2025 goals based on the current trends and lack of time to implement significant improvements. Links to previous surveys are included in the memo. Ms. Frank recommends adding a footnote referencing other goals listed in the Vision 2025 plan. Mr. Burkart informed the committee that the Village Board will be considering a facility condition assessment RFP on the April 5

agenda. There was another suggestion of referencing the organics program and highlighting savings not put into the waste stream. The committee discussed how 2020 may be an outlier year due to ecommerce impacts during the pandemic. Another idea was to use more of the Village's communication channels to discuss the current trends related to the goals established in Vision 2025. Original motion was approved by a 8-0 vote.

6. Update on 2021 Film Series and Hometown Habitat Pricing

Mr. Liberatore learned the film would be shown through a shared link for a 72-hour period. A Zoom meeting would then be setup for a further community discussion. Mr. Liberatore shared the pricing breakdown of \$100. The committee talked about whether it would be worth the time and investment to share the film this way versus scheduling a film in the fall to present in the high school auditorium. Several expressed the desire to wait and do an event in person rather than coordinate another virtual film.

7. Discuss and Consider Climate Action Initiative

Ms. Frank provided an update on the Climate Action Initiative. Ms. Frank along with Mr. Liberatore and Ms. Kuebler met with Mr. Burkart and Village Manager Rebecca Ewald to discuss how to proceed with this initiative. A group from the committee would review the Vision 2025 Plan and the Sustainability Action Plan to update and bring forward to the Village Board for their recommendation. Once this review would be completed, bringing forward a resolution would be a more appropriate timing. Ms. Frank shared Wauwatosa passed a resolution on climate back in 2020. Mr. Liberatore will do a write up and share with the committee to begin reviewing and updating them.

8. Subcommittee Reports

No reports.

9. Upcoming Events, Member Topics & Suggestions

Mr. Wilson announced the Victory Gardens Blitz will be having a fun program happen coming up in May. Mr. Tomasiewicz mentioned the impacts of consumption and resources to learn about those impacts could be shared at future events.

10. Adjournment

Ms. Pollock moved to adjourn, seconded by Ms. Casey. Vote 8-0 to adjourn. The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Tyler Burkart
Assistant Village Manager