



# **SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE AGENDA**

**December 11, 2023 at 4:30 PM**

**City Hall - Conference Room 106, 828 Center Avenue,  
Sheboygan, WI**

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"[H]uman beings are now carrying out a large scale geophysical experiment of the kind that could not have happened in the past...Within a few centuries we are returning to the atmosphere and oceans the concentrated organic carbon stored in sedimentary rocks over hundreds of millions of years." Roger Revelle in 1957

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## **OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance
3. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

## **MINUTES**

- [4.](#) Approval of Minutes: November 13, 2023

## **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5. Next step in implementing Vision Statement
6. Possible Approval of Letter to Common Council to accompany motion requesting a Common Council liaison
7. Inflation Reduction Act Opportunities
- [8.](#) Report of Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee. Possible approval of letter regarding Evergreen Park
9. Report of Energy, Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee. Possible approval of Electric Vehicle Policy.
10. City budget review
11. Formation of Education Subcommittee and review of online presence
12. Marina Revitalization
13. Review of Task Force Officers

14. Possible new Task Force meeting date

15. Events of Interest:

In the Weeds Book Club 12/14/2023 5:30pm, Mead Library

Nature at Noon - Sustainability 1/9/2024 12:00pm, Maywood

Glacial Lakes Conservancy has regular events for members

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE**

16. Next Meeting Date: TBD

#### **ADJOURN**

17. Motion to Adjourn

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**CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**

**SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES**

**Monday, November 13, 2023**

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**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Chair James Van Akkeren, Jennifer Rutten, Lora Hagen, Chris Kuehnel, Geralyn Leannah, Cheryl Sohn, Jeanne Kliejunas, and Rebecca Clarke.

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** Rebecca Stewart, Akshay Jain, Leovardo Aguilar, and Kelsey Bird.

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Jared Soto, Donovan Zove, Mark Mahoney, Paige Benish, Carol Dussault, Tracey Ludirk, and Linda Shimon.

**STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT:** City Administrator Casey Bradley and Administrative Clerk Rachel Masse.

**OPENING OF MEETING**

1. Call to Order

Chair James Van Akkeren called the meeting to order at 4:30 PM.

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

3. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

- Carol Dussault spoke on the use of Evergreen Park for Making Spirits Bright.
- Paige Benish spoke on the potential use of Inflation Reduction Act funds toward electric buses for the Sheboygan Area School District.

**MINUTES**

4. Approval of Minutes: October 9, 2023

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM OCTOBER 9, 2023.

Motion made by Lora Hagen, seconded by Chris Kuehnel. Motion carried.

**ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION**

5. Introduction of City Administrator Casey Bradley

Casey Bradley introduced himself and spoke on his role in the City.

6. Status of Vision Statement with Common Council

James Van Akkeren reported the Vision Statement was accepted and filed with the Common Council.

## 7. Next steps to enact Vision Statement

MOTION TO SUBMIT THE VISION STATEMENT TO COUNCIL AS A RESOLUTION, AND TO REQUEST A COUNCIL MEMBER BECOME A LIASON FOR THE SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE.

Motion made by Chris Kuehnel, seconded by GERALYN LEANNAH. Motion carried.

## 8. Report of Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee

Rebecca Clarke and Rachel Masse reported on the Land Use and Conservation Committee.

## 9. Report of Energy, Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee

No report, subcommittee did not meet last month.

## 10. First review of draft City Policy on Transitioning to Electric Vehicles

James Van Akkeren introduced draft copy. Full discussion will take place at next Transportation Subcommittee meeting.

## 11. Review of conversation with Director of Finance, Kaitlyn Krueger

James Van Akkeren and Chris Kuehnel reported on their conversation with Director of Finance Kaitlyn Krueger regarding budget details and breakdown for the City of Sheboygan.

## 12. Review of conversation with Director of Department of Public Works, David Biebel

James Van Akkeren reported on his conversation with Director of Public Works David Biebel regarding; planning grant application for the Complete Streets Program, potential installation of solar panels on City owned roofs, plans for the pedestrian bridge, electric vehicles, bio diesel, and reduced mowing of City green spaces.

## 13. Presentation on Sustainability

James Van Akkeren spoke to the committee offering to give a Sustainability Presentation to interested groups.

## 14. Creation of Education Subcommittee

Committee discussed creating an Education Subcommittee.

## 15. Review of contact with the DNR Green Tier Legacy Communities

James Van Akkeren spoke on the Green Tier Report.

## 16. Events of Interest

-11/9/23 at 5:30pm - In the Weeds Book Club - Mead Public Library

-11/27/23 at 11:00am - Bio Diesel Webinar hosted by Wisconsin Clean Cities

-1/9/24 at 12:00pm - Nature at Noon Presentation - Maywood

-Other?

## NEXT MEETING DATE

16. Next Meeting Date: December 11, 2023

*Item 4.*

**ADJOURN**

17. Motion to Adjourn

MOTION TO ADJORN AT 6:09PM.

Motion made by Jeanne Kliejunas, seconded by Chris Kuehnel. Motion carried.

December 11, 2023

To:

**Dave Biebel**, Director of the City of Sheboygan Department of Public Works, [david.Biebel@sheboyganwi.gov](mailto:david.Biebel@sheboyganwi.gov)

**Joe Kerlin**, Superintendent of Parks and Forestry, City of Sheboygan Department of Public Works, [joe.kerlin@sheboyganwi.gov](mailto:joe.kerlin@sheboyganwi.gov)

Dear Director Biebel and Superintendent Kerlin,

Carol Dussault, a Sheboygan citizen has raised a concern to the Sustainability Task Force (SSTF) about the installment of electric boxes in Evergreen Park to support Making Spirits Bright (MSB). We have determined that her concerns are within the Common Council's task assigned to the SSTF.

We believe that the high number of permanent electrical boxes are inconsistent with the natural features which make Evergreen Park an asset to our community. As the Common Council, in its most recent agreement between the City and MSB, has given the Department of Public Works the ability to set rules for the use of Evergreen Park we encourage you to inform MSB that no additional electric boxes will be allowed in the Park.

We are aware that Ms. Dussault has raised this concern along with others, to Joe Kerlin. Ms. Dussault has shared with us Joe's response. His response leaves open the possibility of additional electric boxes.

As MSB has stated numerous times in the past that they want to grow every year, the possibility of additional electric boxes is very real.

Please respond to our letter addressing our request.

Sincerely,

Jim Van Akkeren  
Chairperson on behalf of the  
Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force

cc: Carol Dussault