



SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE AGENDA

April 10, 2024 at 4:30 PM

**City Hall - Conference Room 207, 828 Center Avenue,
Sheboygan, WI**

"A wise person changes their mind a fool never will." Icelandic proverb

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OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order
2. Pledge of Allegiance

MINUTES

- [3.](#) Approval of Minutes: March 13, 2024

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)
5. Report from Ellise Rose of the Planning and Development Department on Sheboygan's latest Green Tier metrics.
6. Sustainable Five Minutes; Rachel Masse on green burial
- [7.](#) Urban Forestry Grant letter of collaboration. Possible action.
8. Education and Outreach Committee report
- [9.](#) Energy, Housing, Transportation and Infrastructure Committee report
10. Land Use and Conservation Committee Report
11. Forwarding to Mayor of other Wisconsin climate/sustainability plans
12. Heat pump infographic
13. Sustainable schools
14. Events of Interest: Earth Day Cleanup at Maywood and Willow Creek, Saturday April 20th. Arbor day planting at Maywood April 27th. In the Weeds Book Club, April 11th. Nature Based Book Club, May 4th. Native Plant Sale, Mayood/Johnson's Nursery, now through 5/4. Adopt-A-Habitat Training,

Maywood, April 13th and 17th. Glacial Lakes Conservancy Bird Banding and Hike, May 11th. Mead Seed Library, continuous.

NEXT MEETING DATE

15. Next Meeting Date: To Be Determined

ADJOURN

16. Motion to Adjourn

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Sheboygan County Administration Building • City's website*

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN**SUSTAINABLE SHEBOYGAN TASK FORCE MINUTES****Wednesday, March 13, 2024**

MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair James Van Akkeren, Lora Hagen, Cheryl Sohn, Chris Kuehnel, Akshay Jain, Rebecca Stewart, Jeanne Kliejunas, and Rebecca Clarke

MEMBERS ABSENT: Jennifer Rutten, Mark Mahoney, Leovardo Aguilar

OTHERS PRESENT: Jared Soto, Steven Griffith, Paul Reinemann, Tracey Ludvik, Linda Shimon, Bryan Kelly

STAFF/OFFICIALS PRESENT:

OPENING OF MEETING

1. Call to Order

Chair James Van Akkeren called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM

2. Pledge of Allegiance

The Pledge of Allegiance was recited.

MINUTES

3. Approval of Minutes: February 7, 2024.

MOTION TO APPROVE MINUTES FROM JANUARY 10, 2024.

Motion made by Jeanne Kliejunas, seconded by Rebecca Clarke. Motion carried

ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND POSSIBLE ACTION

4. Public Input (Limit 3 minutes per individual)

Bryan Kelly has been observing city meetings. Hoping SSTF will have input into the city's Comprehensive Plan and Complete Streets Plan.

Steven Griffith has been communicating with SASD regarding volunteering to work on reducing the district's energy usage.

Linda Shimon wrote a letter to SASD re: sustainable practices to be implemented in new buildings.

5. Committee Membership Status

Committee membership status was discussed. Mark Mahoney has been made a member. Linda Shimon has applied. If members don't attend meetings and don't respond to Jim's communications, they will be off the committee in April, as per city rules.

6. Sustainable Five Minutes

Sustainable 5 minutes will be a time any member can share news or nuggets they think are important.

7. Healthy Sheboygan County-Cheryl Sohn

Cheryl Sohn attended a Healthy Sheboygan County meeting. It is an initiative to determine what problems Sheboygan County faces. Affordable child care and affordable housing were identified as the most immediate and prevalent issues. The group meets at UWGB campus once per month from 2-4 pm. Next meetings: April 8, May 13, June 10. The next meeting will be large consisting of many reps from various organizations.

8. Report on Meeting with the Mayor

SSTF Chair Jim met with Mayor Sorenson. City Administrator was not present. Mayor was asked again for a rep from City Council or a department head to attend SSTF meetings. Mayor said if there is a particular issue, ask and the appropriate person will attend. Mayor suggested SSTF put together information to be disseminated re: tax credits/rebates for installing green energy sources in residential and commercial buildings. Mayor agreed SSTF should present sustainability information at City Council meetings when new members come on board, May 6 or May 20. Can submit written report bi-monthly if desired. We should present information to the city's Comprehensive Plan meetings this summer. Discussion of developing a Sheboygan Sustainability Plan. Mayor asked SSTF to compile plans from other cities to assist us in getting one written. It will be necessary to have a plan to obtain federal grant monies. City planning office has information on PACE program (loans for green energy implementation). Discussed new middle school proposals. Jim voiced concerns with Urban's placement and the ability of students to ride bike or walk to school. The SASD said surveys found that about 80% are riding to Urban now. Jim received permission to talk to the school architect about sustainability issues concerning the proposed new schools. Wisconsin Green and Healthy Schools site is a great source for questions and solutions re: green practices. The Mayor suggested we arrange a video chat with the Esslingen sustainability scientist.

9. Report of the Land Use and Conservation Subcommittee

City is applying for an Urban Forestry Grant. Grant specifies they are to be planted in disadvantaged neighborhoods. Joe Kerlin provided map of city spots they mow and SSTF can consider proposing for no mowing and/or planting of natives. Each member will scope out these spots in a ward to see which spots work. Discussed No Mow May. Joe Majerus of Landmark Landscaping is a great source for natural landscape tips. Next subcommittee meeting TBD. (Rebecca S. will let us know).

10. Report of the Education and Outreach Subcommittee

Subcommittee is putting together a sustainability info presentation for city council, to be presented 5/6 or 5/20. They will also put together a more comprehensive presentation for Sheboygan community to be presented at 5/16 @ Mead, Rocca Room, 6:30-7:30. Next subcommittee meeting: 4/3 @ 5:15 pm.

11. Report of Energy, Housing, Infrastructure and Transportation Subcommittee

Electric Vehicle Fair, now called EV Expo, to be held 9/14 from 9-12 at Maywood. All EVs (including bikes, motorcycles) and plug-in hybrids. SSTF members need to volunteer to be there 8:30-12:30 to help.

12. Events of Interest: In the Weeds Mead Library 3/14; Wintergreen, Mead Library 3/16; Flapjack Day, Maywood 3/17; Maywood's Nature Based Book Club, Mead Library, 4/6; Nature at Noon, Sustainability, Maywood, 4/9; Adopt-A-Habitat Training, Maywood, 4/13 and 4/17; Earth Day Park Clean-up, Maywood, 4/20; Willow Creek Clean-up, Glacial Lakes, 4/20; Native Plant Sale, Maywood/Johnson's Nursery, now through 5/4; Mead Seed Library, continuous.

Friends of Black River Forest 3/14 Paradigm, 4-6:30.

NEXT MEETING DATE

13. Next Meeting Date: April 10, 2024 4:30PM

Item 3.

ADJOURN

14. Motion to Adjourn

Motion made by Chris Kuehnel, seconded by Cheryl Sohn. Motion carried.

Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force Letter of Collaboration: Wisconsin DNR 2024 Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Grant

April 10, 2024

Dear grant reviewer,

We write in support of a partnership between the City of Sheboygan and our organization, the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force to implement an Urban Forestry Grant. The Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force is a twelve person citizens' committee which develops strategies to be adopted by the City of Sheboygan for creating and maintaining a sustainable Sheboygan, focusing on such topics as conservation, sustainability, climate change, and raising community awareness on environmental stewardship. As citizens of the City we support the grant application. We were involved in the planning for the grant and are now committing to assisting the City of Sheboygan by participating in the outreach to community members in the disadvantaged areas covered by the grant. We are volunteering to go to neighborhood meetings and to school PTOs in the areas covered by the grant. We are willing to listen to community feedback about the grant and to educate community members in the care of the trees that will be planted.

We see our participation in the grant as an opportunity to fulfill our mission to maintain a sustainable Sheboygan, especially in those areas seeking environmental justice. Benefits of the grant for Sheboygan include heat mitigation, improving our air quality, assisting in storm water management, educating the community on sustainability issues, encouraging the community to volunteer in the care of trees, and making our neighborhoods more desirable places to walk or ride bicycles.

On behalf of the Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force I am authorized to indicate our support and willingness to continue to collaborate with the City upon grant approval.

Sincerely,

James P Van Akkeren, Chairperson Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force

coachjva@gmail.com, 920 980-1460

Link to Wisconsin Urban Forestry Inflation Reduction Act Grant Eligibility Map

<https://experience.arcgis.com/experience/1b2817f764ae45f8850af15ae69cbda7>

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Exhibit 1

 POTENTIAL PHASING

Date	
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Revision Description	DRAFT
Revision Number	

GARTMANN SUBDIVISION
 (STAHL ROAD TO WEEDEN CREEK ROAD)

OVERVIEW - CONSTRUCTION ESTIMATE

CITY OF SHEBOYGAN PUBLIC WORKS

City of Sheboygan
 Department of Public Works
 Engineering Division
 2026 New Jersey Avenue
 Sheboygan, WI 53081

Ryan Sazama, PE - City Engineer

Designed By	TJM
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Checked By	KEJ
Plot Date	1/23/2024
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ELECTRIC VEHICLE EXPO

When: Saturday September 14, 2024. Open to the public from 9:00 until 12:00. Exhibitors will bring their vehicles at 8:30 and will be encouraged not to leave with their vehicles until 12:00.

Where: Maywood Environmental Park. Vehicles will be displayed in the main parking area at Maywood. A few parking spots in the furthest northwest part of the main parking lot will be used for those in need of disabled parking. The public will park in the overflow parking lot and along the roadway into Maywood and then walk into the exhibition area located in the main parking lot. The Haysen Pavilion will be used for a one hour presentation by a panel of experts who will provide information on the buying and use of electric vehicles.

What: The public will be able to view electric vehicles and speak to the owners about their operation. The public will be solicited to bring vehicles to the expo. In addition, commercial sellers of vehicles will be solicited to bring vehicles to display. Vehicles will be electric cars and trucks, plug-in hybrid vehicles, electric bicycles, and electric motorcycles. The display area will be divided by type of vehicle, i.e. electric cars and trucks, plug-in hybrid vehicles, electric bicycles, and electric motorcycles. The types of vehicles will further be divided by brand. No testing driving of vehicles will be allowed. Vehicle owners will be asked to remain with their vehicles throughout the hours of the expo. If they need to leave with their vehicle during the hours of the expo they will need to have a volunteer escort them out of the parking lot to ensure the route out is clear of pedestrians.

Who: The event is currently sponsored by the City of Sheboygan, the Ellwood H. May Environmental Park Association of Sheboygan County, Inc., and Wisconsin Clean Cities and

Communities. Kendra Kelling the Maywood Park Director will be present during the event. Volunteers will staff the event, including members of the City of Sheboygan's Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force. Volunteers will guide vehicles into the display areas before the event begins. Volunteers will guide the public into parking areas. Volunteers will prevent vehicle access into the display area from 9:00 until 12:00.

Why: Electric vehicle benefits range from saving money to reducing greenhouse gas emissions and other air pollution. Information about cost savings, safety, how to purchase, how to charge the vehicle, how to maintain the vehicle, and the environmental benefits will be provided to the public. Informational displays will be posted by each vehicle type and brand to illustrate the benefits of the vehicles. Owners and sellers of the vehicles will also provide their testimonials. The panel of experts will provide more in depth information and an opportunity for a question and answer session. The event is consistent with the City of Sheboygan's commitment to create and maintain a sustainable Sheboygan, by focusing on conservation, sustainability, climate change, and raising community awareness of environmental stewardship. The event is also consistent with the purpose of Maywood to offer environmental education opportunities.

Additional Safety Precautions: Barricades and/or cones will be used to cordon off the vehicle display parking lot. Volunteers will wear safety vests. Water and or gatorade will be provided to the exhibitors. Some volunteers will carry first aid kits.

Insurance/Liability Precautions: Exhibitors will sign a liability waiver. As it is impractical, no attendee's waiver will be required. All exhibitors are required to register and sign a liability waiver in advance. Volunteers will enroll as Maywood volunteers and sign the Maywood waiver and release.

In the event of inclement weather the event will be canceled with no alternative date.

Projected Attendance and Number of Exhibitors: Because this is a first time event it is difficult to project this information but it is hoped the attendance will be about 150 people and that there will be at least thirty exhibitors.