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WISCONSIN

# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, October 18, 2022 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor  
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

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## MINUTES

### 1. CALL TO ORDER

### 2. ROLL CALL AND CHECK ON REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

Board Members: Donald DeBruyn, Darla LeClair, Ben Meinnert, Jay Orvis, Tracey Koch

Also Present: Matthew Heckenlaible, Scott Ahl

### 3. REVIEW LAST MINUTES - APPROVE OR CORRECT

Approve minutes from the September 20, 2022 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting

Donald DeBruyn motioned, Darla LeClair seconded

### 4. PUBLIC INPUT

None

### 5. GUEST SPEAKER

None

### 6. CURRENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

#### A. Winter Educational Series - scheduled Dates & Topics

1. Library staff – great work on putting together the “Postings” for the Education Series.  
Move forward with layout

2. Discussion of topics, presenters, and dates

a. Nov 30 – Importance & Benefits of Trees by Tracy Salisbury

b. Jan 12 – Green Infrastructure by Julia Noordyk from the UW Sea Grant Institute

c. Feb 7 – Status of Our Waters by Titus Seilheimer, Fisheries Outreach Specialist from the UW Sea Grant Institute

d. Mar 9 – Storm Water Runoff by Nick VadeHey, Sr Municipal & Water Resource Engineer at McMahon

e. Apr 6 – General Information on Wildlife Habitat by Jim Knickelbine from Woodland Dunes Nature Center and Preserve

f. May 18 – Presentation by Steve Lankton from the UW Master Gardener Program

#### B. Front Yard Vegetable Garden presentation status

1. Darla LeClair spoke with the Council President who encouraged bringing a proposal to the Plan Commission in the near future

2. Presentation would include renderings and suggestions for keeping the areas aesthetically pleasing.

3. Darla will attempt to contact Katherine Dahlke and prepare a draft for board review

#### C. Prospective new board members

1. Trace Koach – City Council Representative on the Board

2. Kate Gadd – Citizen Representative on the Board

## 7. OTHER ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. Discuss contacting local UW Extension Agent to schedule presentation about smaller family farms regarding runoff control and how it impacts the bottom line for them - **ON HOLD**
- B. Discuss status of creation of a pamphlet for realtors & general public (insert?) focused on the benefits of trees & associated incentives plus information on green infrastructure projects the buyer can do. **ON HOLD due to limited time**
- C. City match WPPI new tree grant council resolution to come to council soon. **Darla & Greg**
- D. Status of new DNR TMDL - Summer 2023? **TBD**
  - 1. DNR still developing load allocations
  - 2. NE Lakeshore TMDL – no formal update at this time
  - 3. Have future discussions relative to having the Wastewater Treatment Plant work with farmers on Adaptive Management measures upstream of the plant
- E. GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONCEPTS - **ON HOLD**
  - 1. Provide examples & resources to residents – 25<sup>th</sup> Street east of Lincoln Ave rain garden, Vet's Park rain garden
  - 2. Emphasize those that the City has already
  - 3. Speak with area groups to help with implementation of examples (Friends of Mariners Trail, John Durbrow, Woodland Dunes).
- F. Explore Grant opportunities for environmentally related activities that are complementary to and cooperative with future City projects **ON- GOING**
  - 1. Watch for opportunities for green infrastructure
  - 2. Grant applications need to be considered two years prior to project
  - 3. Look at development of green infrastructure near Water Plant where it would be visible from Memorial Drive and/or from the trails in the area
- G. Monarch City USA - **GREG & DARLA**
  - 1. May have been initiated by the Library
  - 2. Darla with work with Greg to determine current status

## 8. OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD, WITH CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF NEEDED

- A. Keep main goal of stormwater quality
- B. Find other methods of improving stormwater runoff other than wetponds
- C. Parking lot green space – zoning requirements have encouraged the planting of shrubs over trees, review tree requirements in developments, possible ways to encourage trees over shrubs going forward
- D. Solid waste stickers – last price increase was from \$2.00 to \$2.50, possible additional price increase with revenue going toward Environmental Fees for green initiatives

## 9. NEXT BOARD MEETING

Proposed as Tuesday, November 15, 2022, at 5:30pm

## 10. ADJOURNMENT

Tracey Koach motioned, Donald DeBruyn seconded, 7:04pm

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