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ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, November 15, 2022 at 5:30 PM

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

Called to order at 5:33pm

2. ROLL CALL AND CHECK ON REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

Present: Darla LeClair, Tracey Koach, Jay Orvis, Katherine Dalke (Zoom) and Kate Gadd

Not present: Donald DeBruyn and Ben Meinnert

Staff present: Matthew Heckenlaible and Scott Ahl

3. REVIEW LAST MINUTES - APPROVE OR CORRECT

Minutes from the October 18, 2022 Environmental Advisory Board Meeting. Tracey Koach motioned, Jay Orvis seconded, motion passed.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

None

5. GUEST SPEAKER

None

6. CURRENT ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

- A. FYVG presentation status: A lengthy discussion was had by all regarding the draft proposal presented by Darla LeClair and what the pro's, con's and seeking clarification of various components of the proposal. Darla LeClair requested that each board member review the proposal some more, and e-mail suggested modifications or clarifications to the other Board members in an effort to expedite the completion of a proposal so that it can be moved forward with a hopeful implementation prior to the 2023 growing season.
- B. Utility Bill Insert: It was suggested that 'links' to information sites be placed within the insert for easier access. Another suggestion was to look at seasonal green / stormwater messages. Jay Orvis questioned how many people are now receiving their utility bills electronically and can they receive an electronic insert? Kate Gadd also suggested promoting E.A.B. via social media and would discuss with the City Manager about this initiative.
- C. Monarch City, USA: Apparently the City already has the designation of being a Monarch City, but it isn't well publicized. The initiative was originally championed by the City's Park Department. Darla LeClair was going to talk more with the City Manager whether Park's wanted to continue this effort or transfer the responsibility over to E.A.B..
- D. Winter Educational Series: First meeting November 30th.

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 - No discussion

- 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 - No discussion
- C. City match WPPI new tree grant council resolution to come to council soon. Darla & Greg will address soon - No discussion
- D. Status of new DNR TMDL - Summer 2023? TBD - will keep on agenda as placeholder - No discussion
 - 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 Utility Bill insert - No discussion
 - 1. Provide examples & resources to residents.
 - 2. Emphasize those that the City has already.
 - a. 25th Street east of Lincoln Ave rain garden
 - b. Vet's Park rain garden
- F. Explore Grant opportunities for environmentally related activities that are complementary to and cooperative with future City projects ON- GOING - No discussion
 - 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

8. NEW ITEMS

- A. Reinforcing that the Main goal of the Environmental Advisory Board is of stormwater quality and then along the way to promote other environmentally friendly initiatives.
- B. No discussion
- C. Parking lot green space – need to look at zoning requirements to see if trees can be promoted over shrubs.
- D. Solid waste stickers – possible price increase with the revenue going towards Environmental Fees for green initiatives. Scott Ahl stated that he received a phone call from the City Manager regarding this topic. Presently, \$0.35 of the solid waste stick cost is being set aside for tree maintenance/management. The City Manager is proposing reallocating an additional \$0.35 from the Landfill fund over towards the tree maintenance/management fund for a total of \$0.70. These funds would help offset the costs to assist with trees impacted by Emerald Ash Bore (EAB) including the removal and replacement of these trees, and completing a City tree inventory.

Kate Gadd inquired about future items of discussion pertaining to information that is readily available to landowners that live along our waterways (do's and don'ts) a.k.a. River Dwellers Eco Info.

Kate Gadd also inquired about the placement of fall leaves within the street, which from what she has read potentially is causing pollutants to be discharged into the storm sewers and waterways. Matthew Heckenlaible confirmed what she had found in that research has shown that there is a large amount of phosphorus that is released and discharged into the waterways during the fall of the year when the leaves are placed within the street. The primary reason that Two Rivers allows the leaves to be placed in the street for collection is due to staffing, equipment, and budget constraints. Having the leaves in the streets is easier and quicker for City staff to pick them up and dispose of them at one of the two county yard waste sites. May need to discuss again when “No Mow May” comes back around and disposal of yard wastes.

9. SET DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING(S)

Proposed as Tuesday, December 20, 2022 at 5:30pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

Motion to adjourn by Kathrine Dalke, seconded by Jay Orvis, motion carried (7:13pm)

Notice: To better accommodate public input, citizens may participate via video conference or conference call, from remote locations.

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