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WISCONSIN

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, July 19, 2022 at 5:30 PM

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

MINUTES

1. CALL TO ORDER

2. ROLL CALL AND CHECK ON REMOTE PARTICIPANTS

Present: Katherine Dahlke, Donald DeBruyn, Brian Henrickson, Darla LeClair, Ben Meinnert, Jay Orvis, Larry Thomas

Staff Present: Park & Rec Director Mike Mathis, City Engineer II Scott Ahl and Director of Public Works/City Engineer Jim McDonald

3. REVIEW LAST MINUTES - APPROVE OR CORRECT

The June minutes were approved.

4. PUBLIC INPUT

5. NEW ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION

"No Mow May" Implementation or encouragement. Research alternatives. Delay enforcement of long grass and weed regulations. Require registration to participate. Encourage pollinator gardens. Conduct winter informational presentations regarding native plants, and invasive insects and plant species.

City Council forwarded issue of front yard gardens to this committee. The Police Department noted many complaints are received regarding long grass and the condition of front yards. Suggested guidelines for front yard maintenance. Research exemption for front yard gardens if the property has no other area to garden. Katherine Dahlke volunteered to develop guidelines for front yards.

Two emerald ash borer infestations were reported. Once a tree becomes infested, the trees are expensive to remove. The Rec Dept is responsible for removal costs of trees on city-owned land, including street rights-of-way. The Detroit Urban Ag Ordinance was noted for reference.

Discuss interest in a field trip to the new Arboretum (with City Council Members). Darla LeClair will research potential dates for the tour.

Discuss contacting local smaller family farms regarding runoff control and how it impacts the bottom line for them. Many landowners lease their land to larger farmers, so little incentive for landowners to discuss. Information should be provided by the UW-Extensions and other farmers.

Discuss creation of a pamphlet for realtors focused on the benefits of trees.

City match WPPI new tree grant council resolution.

Discussion of holding a winter educational series about pollinator gardens, with guest speakers.
Suggested topics: Pruning, ornamental gardens, backyard gardens. Contact UW-Extension for desired pollinator species.

6. DISCUSS IDEAS FOR HIGHLIGHTING SOME OF THE GREEN INFRASTRUCTURE CONCEPTS

Obtain a link to the March 10, 2021 UW Sea Grant Presentation, which discussed some possible ideas for green infrastructure. The Park and Rec Department is considering a grant application for performing a tree inventory.

7. ADVISORY BOARD "NEXT STEPS"

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

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

Next meeting on Tuesday, August 16, 2022, at 5:30pm

10. ADJOURNMENT

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 PM