

VILLAGE OF ELM GROVE

SUSTAINABILITY SUBCOMMITTEE MINUTES

Tuesday, January 6, 2026 * 6:30 pm* Village Hall

1. Debra Baesemann called the meeting to order at 6:35 pm. In attendance: Molly Salinas, Jennifer Hurd Studebaker, Liz Hermsen, Natalie Schneider, Tom Castile, Kristin Walters, Chelsea Meier and Debra Baesemann - Nicci Sternitzky in attendance
2. Review and Act on Past Minutes: [Sustainability Minutes for 12-2-25.docx](#)
 - a. Motion to approve minutes as drafted by KW, Second by JH, passed unanimously
3. Ongoing Business
 - a. Budget Update \$2,182.90
 - b. Recycle Event - April 25th is the date - 9:00-12:00. Save the date - get to newspaper and ad in by mid-March for ad on back page.
 - i. Milwaukee Tool might take batteries?
 - ii. Batteries Plus program with Packers?
 - c. Lighting Ordinance - Trustee Olson wanted more examples of communities with lighting ordinances.
 - d. Green Infrastructure Ideas - talked to Public Works regarding native plants in rights of way. Pathway engineers were interested
 - i. Could we put together a plan for what would be acceptable in the right of way. The time is now to coordinate people who would go this route
 - ii. Could we suggest just a native sedge or some uniform look as an alternative?

Talk to homeowners on Highland - have them reach out to Nicci
 - e. Events to Promote -
 - i. Saltwise Week: MMSD on Jan 30th
 1. How to make brine, do a library window...
 2. Good to have all contractors be WI Saltwise Certified
 - f. Update on Greenhouse Gas Audit Opportunity via Wisconsin Local Government Climate Coalition grant -
 - i. Could we use the data to back up ideas from Sustainability Plan
 - ii. Could Village join the Coalition? free to join
 - iii. Could we keep collecting the data every year?
 - g. Pond Project - on hold until Spring

4. New Business/Other
 - a. Sent solar light examples to Village

5. Motion to adjourn by Debra Baesemann at 7:50 pm, second by Kristin Walters- passed unanimously. Adjourned 7:50 pm.

Respectfully submitted by Debra Baesemann