

Village of Elm Grove
Sustainability Subcommittee Meeting - July 11, 2023
6:30 pm in Reinders Room

Meeting called to order at 6:32 pm

Present: Deb Baesemann, Molly Salinas, Natalie Schneider, Jennifer Studebaker, Kristin Walters
Tom Castille, John Schindler

1. Approval of last meeting minutes.
 - a. Approved without discussion.
2. Board member introductions of all present.
3. Current/past work review
 - a. Great collaboration with Recreation Department on Fourth of July baking contest to showcase sustainability options
 - i. All items were compostable or reusable
 - b. Library window
 - i. Currently has display regarding trash audit
 1. Have received positive feedback and interest from community members
4. New work
 - a. Website
 - i. We can have a webpage on the Village website
 1. Needs to be created by someone in the office
 - a. John will contact Sophie and find out from Dave if there are any restrictions
 2. Can have our mission/vision/goals---Deb will review and bring to next meeting
 3. Cannot have press releases
 4. Possible tabs:
 - a. Trash audit—info and results
 - b. Composting in town
 - c. Resources/Trash talk—how do I...?
 - i. Batteries
 - ii. Styrofoam
 - iii. Waukesha County recycling rules
 - d. Solar info
 - e. Upcoming events/where you may see us in the village
 - b. Tom suggests village should be learning about chemical recycling
 - c. Solar—Deb updated on discussions with solar company —recycle center may not be a good option due to energy usage and location, but she is getting more info on possible panels on Village Hall. Pool house is another possibility to look at. Another is solar panels that go on pergolas—could be at the pool or somewhere in the park. Will wait for updated quotes.

- i. John—pool heater is propane or natural gas, not electric. Unclear how much electricity they really use
 - ii. There may be interest for a EV charger in the village—could that be tied in?
 - d. Upcoming events
 - i. Oktoberfest
 - 1. Goal to make more sustainable
 - 2. Need to meet with community foundation
 - e. Legislative business
 - i. Consider recommendation on nighttime lighting
 - ii. Master Plan is being updated soon
 - 1. Recommendations could go there
 - 2. Need examples from other communities about how they have included sustainability
 - 3. John will reach out to Atty DeLaMora to inquire about process/project
 - 4. Other concerns
 - a. Pesticide use
 - i. Need to coordinate with Village on Tonawanda field day so they aren't spraying the day before the kids arrive
 - ii. Concerns about pesticides in pond, how is pond being treated
 - b. Mowing recommendations
- 5. Next meeting Aug 8, 2023
- 6. Move to adjourn. Adjourned at 7:43.