



Minutes

ROLLING MEADOWS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING **02/1/2022 at 6:30 p.m. Virtually Meeting via Zoom**

Official Members: Ald. Lara Sanoica, Karen Gill, Sue Walton, Pete Jackson, Joan Thomas, Maggie Trevor, Dr. Michael Koehler

Other in Attendance: Graham Strebler, Ryan Rivard, Alysse Dahlgren, Devin Jones, and Fred Vogt

The Mayor of the City of Rolling Meadows has determined that an in-person meeting is not practical or prudent at this time due to the pending disaster related to the COVID-19 pandemic. In a measure to protect the safety of the residents, staff, and officers of our City, the City will hold this meeting electronically via the following:

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1. Call to Order
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from January 4, 2022.
 - a. Motion by Pete Jackson, 2nd by Maggie Trevor
 - i. All in favor
4. New Business
 - a. Earth Day 2022 (February)
 - i. Alderman Lara Sanoica- It is posted in the Park District that we are helping with community cleanup day on April 23rd. What does the committee want to do or plan for the event? Can Ryan get ahold of the Park District to discuss options for the cleanup?
 - ii. Ryan Rivard- I can collaborate on what we discuss and contact the Park District to figure out the best options for the earth day/ cleanup event.
 - iii. Joan Thomas- We could have volunteers meet at old public works and branch off for the various projects if we have multiple.
 - iv. Pete Jackson- We could plant 2-3 flats of native sedges at Emily's prairie, we could also cut buckthorn between Central and Algonquin Road, or a combination of both. But we would need supervisors in both areas. We could look at the bike path out west and clean up brush and buckthorn. Lastly, we could do some clearing off Algonquin road as well.
 - v. Graham Strebler- We have a maintenance agreement with the Palatine Park District to maintain the area around the bike path out west.

- vi. Sue Walton- We could look at the Icenogle property with permission of the Palatine Park District to clean up the garlic mustard and other invasive species. That area has 3 acres with 32 varieties of wildflowers.
- vii. Alderman Lara Sanoica- Ryan are you comfortable being the point person of this group to get ahold of Park District about the Earth Day/ Cleanup with the projects we talked about tonight.
- viii. Ryan Rivard- Not a problem, I will reach out and give them the ideas discussed previously. But I think staying closer to Central road would be best with the number of volunteers.
- ix. Joan Thomas- We need to know what the District is interested in us doing, so we can let people know what to bring and how many people are needed in those areas.
- x. Fred Vogt- Can we get 8.5x11 maps of the area for volunteers?
- xi. Ryan Rivard- We can provide those.
- xii. Alderman Sanoica- Ryan if you can please get this information to us as soon as possible before the March meeting so we can plan accordingly.
- xiii. Joan Thomas- Can we get approval for the coast of sedges for earth day to order the plants?
- xiv. Graham Strebler - If we allocated \$165 for 3 flats we should be within the ballpark.
- xv. Pete Jackson- I think we put extra money in case the prices rose, I would be in favor of that.
- xvi. Alderman Lara Sanoica- Pete would you like to make a motion?
- xvii. Pete Jackson- I'd like to make a motion to approve the \$180 allocated for an earth day event
 - 1. Second by Karen Gill
 - 2. Roll Call: Karen Gill- Yes, Maggie Trevor- Yes, Pete Jackson- Yes, Dr. Michael Koehler-Yes, Sue Walton- Yes, Joan Thomas- Yes, Alderman Lara Sanoica- Yes
 - a. Motion passes
- b. Cook County Open Burning Permit (Prescribed Burns of the Prairie)
 - i. Pete Jackson- I have gathered permits for the burn for Emily's Prairie and adjacent areas. March 19th weather dependent is the Prairie Burn at 1 pm.
 - ii. Alderman Lara Sanoica- All in favor of covering the costs for the burn permit please raise your hand if you are in agreement.
 - 1. Roll Call: Karen Gill- Yes, Maggie Trevor- Yes, Pete Jackson- Yes, Dr. Michael Koehler-Yes, Sue Walton- Yes, Joan Thomas- Yes, Alderman Lara Sanoica- Yes
 - a. Motion passes.

5. Old Business

- a. Sustainability Plan
 - i. Dr. Michael Koehler- Last meeting we discussed presenting to the council and or concepts in June and approved the next meeting in July.

- ii. Alderman Lara Sanoica- We could get a resolution in one meeting. We would want to prepare a resolution for the sustainability plan and bring it back for March 1st meeting. We will want to secure a spot on the committee of the whole at or before June. Can we lean on you Ryan to talk with City Manager Rob Sabo and Director Horne to get time at an upcoming committee of the whole meeting?
 - iii. Ryan Rivard- Yes, I will talk with them and see what month works best for this resolution at the Committee of the whole.
 - iv. Dr. Michael Koehler- Can we sit down with City Manager Rob Sabo to talk about the concepts of the sustainability plan.
 - v. Alderman Lara Sanoica- We could have two members of the committee and one staff member present to avoid open meetings act.
 - vi. Dr. Michael Koehler- We should meet with the City manager to align what we are looking to do. I can be the liaison to put this together with another from the committee and one staff member. Please let me know if you have any interest in helping bring this to the City Manager.
- b. Coal Tar
 - i. Ryan Rivard- Discussed what staff was going to bring to the committee of the whole on February 15th. 2022. The committee is looking to bring the committee's recommendation forward to the council as follows:
 - 1. "Support the Environmental Committee recommendation to establish an ordinance that: prohibits the use of coal tar pavement sealants on public and private property; b) prohibits the sale of coal tar sealant applicators be licensed. c) Required that pavement sealant commercial applicators be licensed, and d) develop educational material for the public."
 - ii. Alderman Lara Sanoica- Do we have a motion for this recommendation?
 - iii. Dr. Michael Koehler- I would like to make a motion to approve the Committee's Coal Tar recommendation to bring to the council.
 - 1. 1st Dr. Michael Koehler, 2nd by Pete Jackson
 - a. Roll Call: Roll Call: Karen Gill- Yes, Maggie Trevor- Yes, Pete Jackson- Yes, Dr. Michael Koehler-Yes, Sue Walton- Yes, Joan Thomas- Yes, Alderman Lara Sanoica- Yes
 - i. 7-0 All in favor
- c. Willow Bend Tree Planting Fundraiser
 - i. Joan Thomas- We will need 4-6 trees, Graham Strebler walked with me today and discussed options for the trees for the area. We are looking to raise funds with our earth club and to have RM Environmental committee match funds. The total would be around \$200 a tree with the need of 4-6 trees depending on size and tree. At this time the district would not be able to match funds for this project.
- d. January 25th RMHS Greenhouse Seed Planting (Recap)
 - i. Pete Jackson- We had 25 kids from Willow bend and 12-15 high school students to help plant native prairie seeds in the RMHS greenhouse. We have 8 flats of prairie grass

planted. It is a very exciting, and very powerful partnership between the committee and both schools.

- ii. Joan Thomas- presented a slideshow of pictures and short video clips of the event.

6. Outreach

- a. Social Media/ News Letter

- i. Ryan Rivard- Nothing at this time, but if anyone has any information they want to be shared on the Facebook page. Please, reach out to me or the other administrators of the Facebook page.

7. Upcoming Events

- a. Calendar of events 2022 review

8. Review Meeting Dates and Upcoming Meeting Agenda Topics

- a. March 1, 2021- 6:30 PM– Zoom Meeting

9. Adjournment

- a. **1st by Dr. Michael Koehler, 2nd by Joan Thomas**
 - i. **All in favor**