



Minutes

ROLLING MEADOWS ENVIROMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING 03/1/2022 at 6:30 p.m. Virtual Meeting

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:

1. Call to Order at 6:30 PM
2. Roll Call
 - a. Official Members: Ald. Lara Sanoica, Karen Gill, Sue Walton, Joan Thomas, Maggie Trevor, Dr. Michael Koehler
 - b. Other in Attendance: Graham Strebler, Ryan Rivard, and Fred Vogt
3. Approval of Minutes from February 4, 2022.
 - a. First by Dr. Michael Koehler, 2nd by Maggie Trevor
 - i. All in favor
4. New Business
 - a. September 9, 2022- Friday Rocks/ Duck Race
 - i. Fred Vogt- We may want to consider getting the tickets printed sooner for the RM Plant Sale on May 14th and Central Road Block party in June. Minuteman Press will hold the price at \$150 between the three groups (\$50 per group). Ryan if you please get the raffle license from the City for this event?
 - ii. Alderman Lara Sanoica made a motion to approve the use of \$50 of the Environmental Committees funds for duck race tickets.
 1. Roll Call Vote: Maggie Trevor- Yes, Dr. Michael Koehler- Yes, Karen Gill- Yes, Joan Thomas-Yes, and Alderman Lara Sanoica- Yes.
 - a. All in favor
 - iii. Karen Gill- Can we have the rain dates put on the ticket?
 - iv. Fred Vogt- Yes, we will add that to the ticket for the Hometown Hoedown on Saturday, October 1st.
5. Old Business
 - a. Willow Bend Tree Planting Fundraiser
 - i. Joan Thomas- Our kids at Willow bend are very excited to conduct a fundraising effort. The event will be finalized by end of the month and will be reporting the amount raised at the next meeting. Thank you Graham for all of your help with the design and species of trees.

b. Earth Day 2022 Collaboration

- i. Ryan Rivard- the Park District is having the co-sponsored event on April 23rd 2022, from 10 AM-Noon. Their plans are to add dirt, mulch, and the general landscape around Kimball Hill and the pond behind Jewel. I discussed that we are going to need a few volunteers to assist with the planting of native sedges at Emily's Prairie, trash pickup, and help cutting buckthorn off of Barker Ave. The Park District was interested in having a person or two speak at the event about who we are as an organization. We could also have a table at the event with literature and/or giveaways. We also need to have a motion to raise the funds needed for the prairie planting. The funds asked at the last meeting will not cover everything needed such as the flats, staples, and erosion blanketing.
- ii. Graham Strebler- I think \$550 would be more than sufficient for the supplies.
- iii. Alderman Lara Sanoica- What would the scope be of the committee's involvement on April 23rd?
- iv. Ryan Rivard- We will be speaking at the combined event, someone can sit at the table with literature (optional), then everyone will go to Emily's Prairie for planting, cleanup, and buckthorn removal.
- v. Joan Thomas- It would also be fun to do an earth day t-shirt so we are recognized by the public to show unity. We can talk about that at the next meeting.
- vi. Sue Walton- It would be very nice for Joan and Pete to talk at the event and discuss who we are and what we are doing to the public. Also, I think we should expand our efforts throughout Rolling Meadows instead of only concentrating on the Prairie.
- vii. Maggie Trevor- I know we have an Environmental Fund, but don't we also have a Public Works fund to work out of? This should be specified and transparent so we know where we can take money to fund projects.
- viii. Alderman Lara Sanoica- The funds that we have are in an escrow account, any money the committee votes to use gets taken out of the PW budget. I will gather that information and bring it back to your next meeting to explain in case a resident asks where we get our money.
- ix. Dr. Michael Kohler- I'd like to make a motion to increase the budget to \$550 for the event.
 1. Roll call vote:
 - a. Dr. Michael Koehler- yes, Karen Gill- yes, Maggie Trevor- yes, Sue Walton- Yes, Alderman Lara Sanoica- yes, Joan Thomas- yes.
 - i. All in favor.
- x. Sue- Walton- We should not just concentrate on the prairie all the time, but help out all around Rolling Meadows for the future.
- xi. Joan Thomas- It has been a long time since we have cleaned up trash along Barker Ave.
- xii. Ryan Rivard- I agree, we can get the supplies for picking trash for the April 23rd Earth Day Collaboration Event. The last thing we need to dedicate is who will speak at the event?

- xiii. Joan- I would be happy to speak at the event with Karen and Sue.
- xiv. Joan Thomas- Do we have materials that we can put on the table for the event such as coal tar, environmental materials, and/or any other misc. materials.
- xv. Alderman Lara Sanoica- Please send your materials to Ryan so he can get everything ready for the table.
- xvi. Fred Vogt- Ryan can we get the message board and utilize social media outreach for this event?
- xvii. Ryan Rivard- Yes, we absolutely can. Between the City and the Park District, we will have a good amount of publicity.

c. Sustainability Plan

- i. Dr. Michael Koehler- We need to set an appointment with Rob Sabo for a meeting. We should find a time in March.

d. Coal Tar

- i. Ryan Rivard- We received unanimous approval at the February Committee of the Whole Meeting. We will be drafting a resolution with the City Attorney

6. Outreach

- a. News Letter/ Social Media- I received a great article from Alysse that I made a few modifications to for the webpage. Alysse I sent you the proposed changes. If you could please send your thoughts back so I can post I would appreciate it.

7. Upcoming Events

- a. March 19, 2022- Emily's Prairie Burn
- b. March 26, 2022- Prairie Burn Rain Date

8. Review Meeting Dates and Upcoming Meeting Agenda Topics

- a. April 5, 2021- 6:30 PM– Zoom Meeting

9. Adjournment