



ROLLING MEADOWS ENVIROMENTAL COMMITTEE MINUTES
March 31, 2021 at 6:30 P.M. (Virtual Zoom Meeting)

Members Present: Joan Thomas, Pete Jackson, Karen Gill

Not Present: Sue Walton

Also Present: Rob Horne, Graham Strebler, Ryan Rivard, Alysse Dahlgren, Maggie Trevor, Fred Vogt

Join Zoom Meeting

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- 1. Call to Order at 6:35 P.M.**
- 2. Roll Call:** Joan Thomas, Alysse Dahlgren, Karen Gill, Pete Jackson, Maggie Trevor, Rob Horne, Graham Strebler, Ryan Rivard, Fred Vogt
- 3. Approval of Minutes from March 2, 2021 at 6:30 PM.**
 - a. Meeting minutes approved(Moved: Joan, Second: Pete)**
- 4. New Business**
 - a. City Council Appointment Updates**
 - Rob- Appointments were made to Karen, Pete, Joan, and Sue were all appointed.
 - Lara will be voted in the April Meeting.
 - Maggie Trevor wrote a letter to the Mayor (no answer).
 - Alysse has interest to send a letter to the Mayor.
 - This committee should consist of 3 non-residents and 4 residents.
 - Open Meetings Act training, needs to be completed within 90 days. Please send certificate to City Clerk once completed (Judy Brose).
 - b. RMEC Finances**
 - Approximately \$6,500 in the RMEC budget.
 - If needed more money for project, need to earmark project in the City budget to address the initiatives you want to address.

1. Discussion about projects- Talk to Ryan or Graham to check the capital budget for larger finances.
 - Any initiative over 10k should be talked about for a capital project, over 20k look at the operating budget.
 - Review list of projects and reach out to Ryan or Graham for future project finances.
- c. Policy ideas
 - No policy ideas from council currently.
 - Ideas the committee brings to council for policy changes within the City.
- d. Social Media and Education
 - Social Media - Facebook (Nancy and Cyndi have moved off the board) Sue Walton and Karen Gill are Admins for the page
 - Maggie Trevor can be added as an admin. (To be voted on next meeting)
 - Ryan Rivard to help with Social Media. (vote on next meeting)
 1. Talk to IT DEPT if there would be any issues.
 - City Events adding literature and manpower to assist
- e. City News Letter
 - Alysse- the next issue will be on invasive species.

5. Membership

- a. Ways to help get more people involved

6. FY 2021 Completed Projects

- a. March 21- Controlled Burn with Park District Representative
 - Pete- It went very well, it was ideal conditions.
 - Canary grass by New Barker Bridge was burned.
 1. Pete to add herbicide to remove canary grass and to plant native plants.

7. FY 2021 Upcoming Projects

- a. April 24th Earth Day/ Clean the Creek- 9AM starting at 3200 Central Road
 - Earth day is to be kept small since we are under a global pandemic.
 - Pictures needed with the small event for City newsletter.
 - Keep it a friends and family event, due to Covid-19.
 - Sedges will be bought from the operating budget for Earth Day.
 - Park District - Clean the Creek same day as earth day (What time they will start the event).
 1. Rob to talk to Dominic/ Kevin about time of event

- Karen to bring Wavers and Sanitizer. Send new waivers.
- Send Graham or Ryan information for tools that are needed.
- Everyone bring their own gloves.
 1. Pete will take lead for Earth day on April 24th
- b. RM Garden Club/ Hometown Plant & Craft Sale
 - In the past it is the Saturday of Mothers Day. This will be a week later.
 - The garden club is going forward with the event. (May 15) at 3000 Central Road.
 - Karen will reach out to Sharron
 - RMEC will be passing out information.
 1. Need information/ or look for previous files
 2. Ryan to look for previous material
- c. Summer City Events
 - Farmers Market table
 1. Fred- A collaboration with Historical Society (Share a table?)
 2. Voting next meeting.

8. Review Meeting Dates and Upcoming Meeting Agenda Topics

- a. May 4, 2021- 6:30 PM – Meeting via Zoom
- b. June 1, 2021- 6:30 PM– T.B.D.
- c. July 6, 2021- 6:30 PM– T.B.D.
- d. August 3, 2021- 6:30PM- T.B.D.
- e. September 7- 6:30PM- T.B.D.
- f. October 5- 6:30PM- T.B.D.
- g. November 2- 6:30PM- T.B.D.
- h. December 7- 6:30PM- T.B.D.

9. Policies

- a. Tree preservation policy

10. Other items as needed

- a. Having a table at the farmers market for Historical Society and Environmental Committee. (Vote needed)

11. Announcements

12. Adjournment (Karen moved, Pete second) at 7:47pm

Minutes approved on the May 4, 2021 meeting.