



Minutes

ROLLING MEADOWS ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE MEETING 05/03/2022 at 6:30 p.m. at City Halls EOC

Official Members: Ald. Lara Sanoica, Karen Gill, Pete Jackson, Joan Thomas, Maggie Trevor, Dr. Michael Koehler
Other in Attendance: Rob Horne, Graham Strebler, Ryan Rivard, Alysse Dahlgren, Melissa Bosnayak, and Fred Vogt

1. Call to Order at 6:30
2. Roll Call
3. Approval of Minutes from April 5, 2022.
 - a. 1st by Karen Gill, 2nd by Pete Jackson
 - i. All in favor
4. New Business
 - a. Sue Walton Recognition of Service Ideas
 - i. Fred Vogt- There should be some consideration with a City proclamation, tree planting, naming a bike path or some area of nature preserve ideas. If anyone has any ideas, I think she should have some long-term recognition.
 - ii. Karen Gill- I would be happy to pitch in for a tree and plaque. Waltons Woods.
 - iii. Alysse Dahlgren- A tree would provide more than a plaque would. I think a tree and a plaque would be nice.
 - iv. Graham Strebler- We could add a tree by the bike path where she used to live.
 - v. Ald. Lara Sanoica- We have a great deal of ideas, Fred do you want to pursue for a future meeting. Can you look into this and come back for the next meeting? Can you get Ryan the costs for a tree, bench, and/or plaque?
5. Old Business
 - a. Recap of Arbor Day Tree Planting
 - i. Joan Thomas- The event went great, we had great weather, and had a lot of members attend.
 - b. Recap of the Earth Day Collaboration
 - i. Pete Jackson- Earth day went very well, it was a smaller affair with 8 volunteers. It was just enough people with the help of PW. We divided up the group to spread mulch and plant native sedges.
 - ii. Fred Vogt- The event at Kimball Hill Park was great. There were a bunch of people and great attendance.

- iii. Maggie Trevor- We should have more publicity at the event, it was less apparent at the event.
- iv. Ald. Lara Sanoica- I heard that people could not tag us on FB due to not having permissions.
- v. Ryan Rivard- I'll reach out to IT about needing permissions for the fb group since people cannot tag.
- vi. Pete Jackson- Maybe we do a larger project not on earth day so we can get more volunteers.
- vii. Joan Thomas- We could look to do a once a month event or quarterly for events.
- viii. Melissa Bosnayak- There are environmental holidays every month that we could have volunteer opportunities.
- ix. Ald. Lara Sanoica- When Ryan talks with Park District, please see if there are other events we can coordinate with.
- x. Alyse Dahlgren- We could look at adding cutting buckthorn before events or sprinkle it in with other activities.

c. T-Shirts

- i. Joan Thomas- I have not gotten very far with the project. We should look for a logo. If anyone thinks of any please send to me.
- ii. Ryan Rivard- I will contact Lori about getting the City Color Palate.

d. Sustainability Plan

- i. Ald. Lara Sanoica- We need to speak with Rob Sabo the City Manager.
- ii. Dr. Michael Koehler- The environmental committee has some high-level goals. Training is key to add to the goal. We need to be able to keep track of the metrics across the City.

e. Coal Tar

- i. Ryan Rivard- We will be moving forward at the end of this month.
- ii. Dr. Michael Koehler- This is very cool as we are seeing this committee actively work to make positive policy within the City.

6. Outreach

- a. Outreach ideas or posts
 - i. Ryan Rivard- Please send any ideas to me.

7. Upcoming Events

- a. May 10 – Planting of native Seeds
 - i. Pete Jackson- This is a fun project with the High school and Willowbend to plant native seeds at the Prairie.
- b. September 9, 2022- Duck Race/ Friday Rocks
 - i. Rain Date for the event is 10/1/2022 at Hometown Hoedown.
 - 1. Fred Vogt- I am looking into other offers as the minuteman press is hard to get ahold of. If we can check to see if we can sell at RM events coming up.

8. Review Meeting Dates and Upcoming Meeting Agenda Topics

- a. June 7, 2022- 6:30 PM—Emergency Operations Center at City Hall (3600 Kirchoff Road)

9. Adjournment

- a. 1st by Dr. Michael Koehler, 2nd by Maggie Trevor
 - i. All in Favor.