

**Minutes of the Sustainable Neenah Committee**

**Tuesday, February 8, 2022**

**5:30 P.M.**

**GoToMeeting and Hauser Committee Room, City Administration Building**

**Present:** Committee Co-Chairs Brian Borchardt and Carol Kasimor, and Committee members Dennis Kittel, David Rause, and Merrie Schamberger. **Also Present:** Kelly Behrmann, Neenah mayoral candidate.

**Public Appearances:**

Kelly Behrmann and committee members introduced themselves. New member Merrie Schamberger was welcomed.

**Approval of meeting minutes:**

MSC Borchardt, Rause, the minutes of the January 11, 2022 meeting were approved as distributed.

**Discussion of No Mow May:**

Kent Powley contacted Lawrence University biologist Israel del Toro about assistance regarding an alternative resolution to "No Mow May", but has not received a response. Kent suggested that the committee undertake education about pollinators rather than proposing a resolution. Committee members present discussed how the initiative was undertaken in other communities, how it was proposed in the City of Neenah in 2021, and what could be done to have the effort succeed. Discussion will continue about supporting pollinator health.

**Discussion of 2022 initiatives:**

The committee reviewed the draft vision map for Sustainable Neenah (adapted from the Saline, Michigan version). It was suggested that an educational topic be picked for each month and practical tips offered on the topic. Discussion also continued on organizing a sustainability event.

MSC Borchardt, Kittel, the committee recommended that an Earth Day event be organized with education and entertainment partners.

**Adjournment:** MSC Borchardt, Kittel, the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted,



Carol Kasimor, Assistant Planner