

Village of Cottage Grove
DRAFT Minutes Ad-Hoc Sustainability Committee
Tuesday, April 13, 2021

1. **Call to Order** Nicholas Hess called the meeting to order at 6:00 pm. This was a Zoom meeting.
2. **Quorum:** It was determined that there was a quorum and that agenda was properly posted. Committee members present were Nicholas Hess, Catie Malcheski, Jenny Rogers, Heidi Murphy, and John Williams. Staff present was Public Works Director JJ Larson. Resident Ryan Minor was also present.
3. **Discuss and consider the minutes from March 9th, 2021**
Motion to approve minutes as presented by Hess, second by Williams. **Motion** carried with a voice vote 5-0-0.
4. **Public Appearances:** public's opportunity to speak about any subject that is not a specific agenda item. No members of the public were in attendance.
5. **Review of Village Board Agenda Items**
 - a. Municipal Services Building Solar Installation – the installation will be added to the preliminary 2022 budget.
 - b. Municipal Services Building Solar for Good Grant – the solar for good only funds 501c3s. That leaves the Focus on Energy option for our project.
6. **Review of Village Solar Ordinance**

The committee will review additional updates to the ordinances relating to solar installations next month.
7. **Earth Day Cleanup Event**

Earth Day is Thursday, April 22nd. We will plan to have a clean up event for earth day with gloves and garbage bags under 5 gallon buckets at parks on Saturday, April 24th at 10am. We will use #cleanupthegrove and #earthday. The graphic will ask people to post the hashtag. Murphy will create the graphic.
8. **Biodiesel Information for plows**

The committee discussed information about alternative fuels for our large equipment such as the biodiesel options available in parts of the county. The City of Madison runs biodiesel on all of their trucks, they run B5 in winter, B20 in fall and spring, and regular diesel other times. Larson will continue to do additional homework.
9. **Weekly Recycling**

The committee continued the discussion around recycling options including weekly recycling. A resident can request a bigger size recycling bin. Larson recommended that we hold off on this for a few months as Waste Management is in transition. Williams asked if we have more information about items that are recyclable. Larson and Rogers will continue to gather information on things

that are recyclable. The committee will continue to discuss and start creating informational posts for facebook using canva for the Saturday Sustainability Series.

10. Future Agenda Items

Malcheski would like to discuss rain gardens on village owned property.

Murphy also suggested Bike Friendly Community Certification and review of other ordinances relating to sustainability (complete streets promoting alternative transportation)

11. Adjournment

Motion to adjourn at 6:30 by Hess, seconded by Malcheski. **Motion** carried with a voice vote 5-0-0.