

Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes, June 16, 2020

Attendees: Cindy Unangst, Ann Payne, Jamie Moore, Commissioner Rick Detrick, Agnesanne Danehey, Mark Carney, Pam McDonald, Sean O’Keefe, Jean LaPadula

Meeting discussion items:

1. May meeting minutes will be approved next month
2. 2020 Green Lectures – on hold
3. DNR is giving us fifty 5 to 7-gallon trees for free! 10 Red maples, 10 tulip poplars, 10 white oaks, 10 northern red oaks, and 10 black oaks. Plan to plant in fall.
4. MUCFC grant application – submitted February 14th; received the \$1,000 grant award for tree planting!!
5. Tree City USA application – submitted December 31st; notification that we’ve been designated!! We need to determine where to locate the two street signs we received, as well as the Tree City USA flag. One idea was to fly the flag under the American flag behind the municipal center. Cindy tasked the others with ideas for where to put the signs.
6. Tree trail at Wiles Branch Park – trees have been tagged, and Cindy will work on getting information up on the website about the tree trail.
7. Tree subcommittee (Joyce, Agnesanne, Ann, Pam, Jamie) – monthly meeting update; looking at possibilities for memorial tree tags.
8. Compost bins – we only have 4 left! Greenbelt has extra that we can purchase, but we would need to pick them up.
9. Comprehensive Plan Sustainability chapter—we need to come up with a chapter about a long-term sustainability plan by October 1 (possible ideas: compost program for restaurants and/or residents, green buildings/schools, dark sky policy, street light conversion to LEDs, pollinator paths through towns)
10. Revisit Pollinator resolution (Ann) – we can restore habit that has been destroyed by human actions, backyard pollinator kits for residents, and use earth planters with signs to educate people about planting for pollinators. Create a pollinator scarecrow by the sustainability committee.
11. July meeting date – third Tuesday – July 21st

GOALS FOR 2020:

PLANT 100 TREES IN 2020					
CREATE A TREE GIFT PROGRAM - GOAL OF \$1000					
QUANTIFY/SHOW PROGRESS [MEASURABLE GOAL NEEDED] ON 25% CANOPY BY 2025					
HOLD GREEN EXPO - APR 25					
SUPPORT MES LOOL PROGRAM - FINANCIAL/VOLUNTEER SUPPORT					

PROMOTE & SELL 20 COMPOSTING BINS				
PROMOTE & SELL 25 RAIN BARRELS (GRANT REQUEST)				
EVALUATE & RECOMMEND STREETLIGHT BUYBACK PROGRAM TO TOWN BOARD				
CREATE 2 AC POLLINATOR MEADOW NEAR SOLAR ARRAY				
EDUCATION ON STORMWATER PERMIT PROGRAMS				