

## Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes from August 16, 2017

**Attendees:** Cindy Unangst, Mark Carney, Ann Payne, Jamie Moore, Rick Deitrick, Keith Staley

1. Meeting minutes – minutes from July were approved.
2. Green Expo
  - a. Date for next year: April 21, 2018 (e-End doesn't plan dates until January, will need to contact them at that time); All Shred is available on 4/21/18
  - b. Vendors/organizations/booths: it was agreed that no fees will be charged for next year
  - c. Green awards categories—Ann will create googledoc for brainstorming ideas: plan to announce on FB and town webpage
3. Pollinator resolution – Input from experts appreciated. Continue to refine prior to presenting to the Town Board (Ann).
4. Pollinator Meadow – will have work day August 26 at Wiles Branch to remove invasive species with Dr. Tangren.
5. MEA Energy policies and resolutions: \$25K yearly grant to create energy conservation projects. Will need to approve two policies by November 15 (decrease electricity consumption by 15% over 5 year period and generate 20% of energy from renewable resources). Town has already taken some energy saving actions; future ideas include solar panels on roof and motion sensing light switches. Further action plans with projected costs needed. Will also need baseline data (Cindy).
6. Streambank Restoration Project(s): no new developments at this time
7. Bike racks in parks: one design costs \$725 per rack. Would a local artist be able to provide bike racks at lesser cost? Will need to come up with safe bike routes to get around town, avoiding areas with heavy vehicular traffic.
8. Park benches – plans to place additional benches at Memorial Park and Wiles Branch dog park
9. Jim Roessler plan for educational program along trails—no new developments at this time. Idea to create signs identifying tree species around town, may have link to town website for more information.
10. 2018 Year of Sustainability – Ann will create googledoc for topic/speaker ideas. Plan to advertise on town website, FB page, and brochure.
11. Recycling notification bill: new state requirement – goes into effect in October
12. Heritage Festival table - event occurs September 30, volunteer sign-up sheet passed around and will be sent via email.
13. Next meeting date: Wednesday, September 20, 2017

Meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm