



Sustainability Commission

Regular Meeting

335 South Broadway
De Pere, WI 54115
<https://www.deperewi.gov/>

Final Minutes

Tuesday, December 13, 2022

5:30 PM

Council Chambers and Virtual

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 PM by Alderperson John Quigley

Attendee Name	Title	Status	Arrived
Jayne Black	Commissioner	Present	
Cindy Champeau	Commissioner	Present	
Renee Gasch	Commissioner	Excused	
Emily Henrigillis	Commissioner	Present	
Randall Lawton	Commissioner	Present	
Eric Rakers	City Engineer	Present	
John Quigley	Alderperson	Present	

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director

Betty Sellenheim, Administrative Assistant/Recording Secretary

Cory Groshek, Greener Bay Compost

II. Public comment upon matters not on the agenda. Comments made during the public comment period shall pertain only to matters under the jurisdiction of the Sustainability Commission. Section 6-3(f) DPMC

None

III. Items

1. Approval of the October 11, 2022 Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Commissioner Lawton moved to approve the October 11, 2022 Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes, seconded by Commissioner Henrigillis. Upon vote, the motion passed with a 5-0-1 with Commissioner Rakers abstaining.

RESULT:	ADOPTED [5 TO 0]
MOVER:	Randall Lawton, Commissioner
SECONDER:	Emily Henrigillis, Commissioner
AYES:	Black, Champeau, Henrigillis, Lawton, Quigley
ABSTAIN:	Eric Rakers
EXCUSED:	Renee Gasch

2. Presentation by Greener Bay Compost on Composting

Cory Groshek, 1597 Forest Glen Dr, Green Bay, presented on his company Greener Bay Compost.

RESULT:	DISCUSSED
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3. Discuss Commission Vacancy

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, updated the commission members on the resignation of a member and the approval of a replacement member beginning with the January or February 2023 meeting.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

4. Discuss Sustainable Practices Included in City's 2023 Budget

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, outlined the sustainable items included in the 2023 budget.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

5. Discuss Winter Salt Use for Driveways and Sidewalks

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, provided information from Salt Wise for residential use and explained how the City prioritizes proper salt usage. Commissioner Henrigillis provided additional information including sweeping excess, shoveling early and often, proper usage based on temperatures, and alternate options including sand and bird seed. Alderperson Quigley asked for Salt Wise website and alternatives to be included on Facebook and City Website.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

6. Discuss Distribution of Monthly Sustainability and Stormwater Information

Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, asked commission members if they wished to receive sustainable and stormwater information that is provided to staff from outside sources. Commission members responded positively to receiving this information. Commissioner Lawton offered options utilizing Diigo or Google Alerts to obtain and share information.

RESULT: DISCUSSED

7. Consider and Possible Action on Clean Air Ordinance*

Alderperson Quigley informed the Commission members that he had not had a chance to work on this project as he had intended and believes the Council would not pass it as it currently stands.

Commissioner Lawton asked why Alderperson Quigley felt it would not pass. Alderperson Quigley explained the discussion of a Clean Air Ordinance at Council in July and the questions and reservations Council members expressed. At that time Alderperson Quigley asked that the item be tabled and brought it back to the Sustainability Commission as an educational campaign/initiative for voluntary compliance on idling. Scott Thoresen, Public Works Director, further outlined options for moving this item forward for support. Commissioner Black expressed her support of an awareness campaign for idling including the schools and community, utilizing City resources such as Mayor's Corner and Facebook for dissemination. Commissioner Henrigillis provided support of starting in the schools for compliance. Commissioner Henrigillis asked how the City can increase from 3 to 5 score for operations idling on the scoresheet. Mr. Thoresen explained rationale behind score of 3 and inability to receive perfect score on this item.

Alderperson Quigley suggested working with staff and Commissioner Black on a draft resolution for the January meeting. Mr. Thoresen suggested the commission members provide bullet points of objectives for the campaign/initiative and staff would work on a resolution. Mr. Thoresen asked commission members to email him their bullet points to be included and staff would work to start drafting the resolution after the new year. Commissioner Rakers outlined his support of a few key points in the proposal included in

the packet. Alderperson Quigley suggested having the commission work with school liaisons or staff that families may be familiar with.

RESULT: NO ACTION

IV. Future Agenda Items

Work plan discussion

Landfill alternative list on website

Cooperative agreement with Greener Bay Compost discussion

V. Adjournment

Commissioner Rakers moved to adjourn the meeting at 6:54 PM, seconded by Commissioner Lawton. Upon vote, the motion passed unanimously.

Respectfully submitted,
Betty Sellenheim