

MINUTES
Sustainability Committee
April 17, 2019
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:08 p.m. on Wednesday, April 17, 2019 at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following committee members: Chair John Kavalunas, Pat Dieckhoff, Terry Dieckhoff, and Scott Hennings. Also in attendance were Emilie Hoffman, Joe Scherb, Dean Farr, and Nick Hammonds (Management Analyst).

III. Public Comment

Three guests from the public were in attendance for the Sustainability Committee meeting. Emilie Hoffman is a Crystal Lake resident who is interested in joining the Committee and has applied filling a vacancy. Emilie Hoffman has experience in Architecture and Sustainability. She recently learned about the Committee and is interested in getting involved in the Committee's initiatives.

Joe Scherb introduced himself as a local Algonquin business owner who lives in Crystal Lake. Joe Scherb received Bicycle Friendly business recognition and is looking for ways to assist the Sustainability Committee's efforts. Dean Farr is also a Crystal Lake resident interested in sustainability, particularly native trees. Dean Farr was active in the Izaak Walton League in the past, which is an organization that promotes natural resource protection.

IV. Approval of the Minutes from March 20, 2019

Terry Dieckhoff moved to approve the minutes from the March 20, 2019 meeting as amended. Pat Dieckhoff seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed.

V. Greenest Region Compact

John Kavalunas began the discussion of the Greenest Region Compact (GRC). The Committee has identified the GRC as a useful tool for the Committee to focus on achievable goals. John Kavalunas discussed the importance of narrowing the GRC to actionable items, and that the comments from Ryan Pettit, Chalen Daigle, and Lehn Shepherd will be needed at the next meeting.

Pat Dieckhoff stated that using 15 items from each member will be beneficial to narrowing the focus further at the next Committee meeting. John Kavalunas discussed the need to assign tasks between certain Committee members after the items have been narrowed. Pat Dieckhoff mentioned that highlighting the Committees efforts to achieve each item in the City's newsletter would be helpful in promoting the Committee. Emilie Hoffman stated that she has seen other communities show the GRC

with comments and how items are progressing, which is important to communicate to the community.

Pat Dieckhoff inquired if Dean Farr had any comments to add. Dean Farr stated that the downtown Crystal Lake area could benefit from more attention. Dean Farr also stated that strategic development is a high-reaching, but important, factor to add economic and environmental vitality while reducing urban sprawl.

The Committee then took turns providing their 15 items from the GRC for the Committee to focus efforts on in the future. John Kavalunas stated that the plan is to receive the items from each member and create a visionary plan for achieving sustainable goals for the Committee. Nick Hammonds entered the items noted by each member for future consideration by the Committee. Nick Hammonds and John Kavalunas will meet before the next meeting to tally the GRC goals currently submitted by members.

VI. Bike With Your Neighbor Event

John Kavalunas inquired if anything new has come up regarding the event. Joe Scherb mentioned the “Cycling Without Age” program, which Gregory Glover had previously inquired about including at the event. Cycling Without Age offers bike ride opportunities for the elderly and disabled. The Committee will allow Greg to handle this initiative.

John Kavalunas commented that the rodeo portion of the event will be handled by the Park District Police. Scott Hennings commented that Chalen Daigle would want to be involved with the rodeo.

Pat Dieckhoff stated that Terry Dieckhoff will be contacting Ski and Bike to share the flyers for the event. Scott Hennings advised that he will contact Lucky Brake to post the flyers. Scott Hennings also made a statement about the recent passing of the owner of Ski and Bike, and the Committee spoke of their condolences.

John Kavalunas began a discussion regarding tasks for the event. He stated that someone will need to work with participants to sign waivers. Scott Hennings offered to handle registration at the event. The Committee discussed the bike maps and that Ryan Pettit should provide a brief talk to show participants how to use the app. The Committee agreed that 50 maps should be printed for the event. John Kavalunas and Terry Dieckhoff agreed to update the clues, including the Park District Police number on the clue sheet, and 75 pages of clues should be printed to hand out along with the maps. Scott Hennings stated that the Committee will need to bring the prizes, and Nick Hammonds confirmed the prizes are ready for the event. John Kavalunas stated that two members will be needed to check clues and hand out tickets at the end of the event. Nick and John will meet to develop a detailed timeline and task list for the May meeting.

VII. Bicycle Friendly Community

Joe Scherb inquired about the involvement by bike shops in Crystal Lake regarding the Bicycle Friendly Community. Joe Scherb will be assisting a bike shop in Crystal Lake to achieve Bicycle Friendly Business status. He also discussed the possibility of getting the Downtown area to become a bicycle district. Pat Dieckhoff offered her assistance and will contact the Downtown Crystal Lake group. Pat Dieckhoff also mentioned that the Park District may be interested in Joe Scherb's efforts regarding bicycling, and that it would still be good for the Committee to support Bicycle Friendly Communities.

VIII. Vacancy Discussion

John Kavalunas discussed the need to get the Committee back to full membership, and that the deadline for applying will be the end of April.

IX. Open Discussion

During the BWYN discussion the Committee discussed the status of the bike share program. Scott Hennings advised that Crystal Lake will have a bike share rack. It is anticipated that the program will be up and running by the time of the event.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, May 15, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Scott Hennings moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:52 p.m. Terry Dieckhoff seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.