



Sustainability Commission Meeting Minutes

Tuesday, May 4, 2021

6:00 PM

Meeting Held Via: Zoom

- I. Call to Order
- II. Roll Call: Ralph Bicknese, Nick Frisella, Meghan Hagerty Homa, Nancy Schick, Heidi Schoen, Jonathan Spencer. Staff present Laura Miller.
- III. Public Comment: Kate Nevins reported on the honeysuckle removal at Lindbergh Park and the next steps with additional clearing and planting native plants.
- IV. Approval of Minutes from the April 6, 2021 Meeting: Spencer made a motion to approve the minutes, seconded by Schick. All in favor.

V. Old Business:

Garden/Yard Contest: Schick suggested moving the timeline back to fall for a contest in 2022. Schick asked for ideas from the Commissions. Schoen suggested timing the contest for June.

Library Programming: Frisella is working with the library on an energy efficiency program. Spencer is trying to track down a bat expert for a bat program.

Conservation Grant: Miller reported that the city would apply for the grant to remove invasive trees and replace them with native trees.

Homa asked about areas that could use additional lighting in Maplewood. Miller suggested she reach out to Antony Traxler.

Miller reported that she was working on bids for the EV charging station. The charging station will be placed in the Marietta parking lot.

Miller reported that she will be meeting Anthony Traxler and CTS Group to review the report and provide an update to the commission at the June meeting.

- VI. New Business: Schick discussed a tiny house development in Austin, TX. and mentioned her conversation with Mayor Knapper and affordable housing in Maplewood. Schick shared the information about Austin, TX with the Mayor. Schick suggested tiny houses may be something to consider for homeless individuals.

Schoen asked about the homeless population in Maplewood. The Commission discussed some issues that surfaced about the homeless last year.

Schoen mentioned that she contacted Mayor Knapper on behalf of the Sustainability Commission and asked about her sustainability initiatives.

- VII. Schick made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Homa. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 6:48 PM.