

MINUTES
Sustainability Committee
March 21, 2018
Municipal Complex, 100 W. Woodstock Street, Crystal Lake, IL

I. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:05 p.m. on March 21, 2018 at the Municipal Complex in Crystal Lake.

II. Roll Call/Attendance

Present were the following Committee members: Pat Dieckhoff, Terry Dieckhoff, Chair Scott Hennings, John Kavalunas, Scott Kuykendall and Bethany Austin, Ryan Pettit and Lehn Shepard. Also in attendance was Kim Buscemi, Crystal Lake Park District Superintendent of Recreation, Bob Olsen, owner of Wheel Werks, and Assistant to the City Manager Melanie Nebel.

III. Public Comment

None

IV. Approval of the Minutes from February 8, 2018

Member Kavalunas added that the date of the next meeting needed to be changed from February to March 2018. Member Kavalunas moved to approve the minutes from the February 8, 2018 meeting as amended. Member Pat Dieckhoff seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed.

V. Bike With Your Neighbor Event

Kim Buscemi, Crystal Lake Park District Superintendent of Recreation, and Bob Olsen, owner of Wheel Werks in Crystal Lake were at meeting to help plan for the event.

The Committee discussed details of the Bike With Your Neighbor Event on June 10, 2018 at noon. Route options for this year's event were discussed, including points of interest and a scavenger hunt across town. Members welcomed route suggestions from Mr. Olsen. The Committee decided to feature three routes this year: a beginner (bike rodeo and a one to two mile course), a mid-level (5-10 miles), and a hard/expert (10-20 miles).

It was decided that Members Kavalunas and Terry Dieckhoff would work to finalize routes for this year. Member Kuykendall will mark course routes with a material to be determined. There are no additional events at Three Oaks Recreation Area outside of a typical summer weekend.

Member Pettit asked if the Committee had reviewed his email regarding route maps for the event. He forwarded the email to members to review. He is developing an app that includes a QR scan for smart phones that would show the routes for participants.

The Committee asked City Staff to confirm a hard dollar amount for ice cream costs should turn out be larger than anticipated at the event. Staff will also check with Good Shepherd Hospital regarding a helmet donation for the event. Handouts (advertisements for participating bike shops) and drawstring backpacks as give aways were discussed.

Ms. Buscemi will work on publicity for the event in the Crystal Lake Park District Brochure and City Staff will create an event on the City's facebook page. The Park District Police will be on hand for the Bike Rodeo during the event. They will also take bicycle registrations from participants. Rodeo participants will receive a certificate of completion and have a picture taken with an officer.

Chair Hennings will also email a "Save the Date" to past participants.

The Committee discussed prizes for the event drawing, including completing a possible quiz for additional prize chances.

VI. SolSmart Designation Update

City Staff is working on an update regarding the City of Crystal Lake's efforts to encourage solar energy. The Committee discussed several solar farm projects in the area, including one in Woodstock and one in Johnsburg.

VII. Open Discussion

Member Kuykendall shared with the Committee that the Land Conservancy will not be sponsoring the Night Owl Bike Ride this year, and asked City Staff to research the feasibility of the Sustainability Committee/City sponsoring the event, with the City carrying insurance. City Staff is working to determine if this is possible. Staff stated there are concerns with the event being held at night.

Member Kuykendall stated that the Night Owl Ride is a great event, with about 400 people attending. If the event were to go forward a subcommittee would work on the it, with efforts needed in marketing and other areas.

Chair Hennings asked if the Committee would like to vote to support the event. Member Scott Kuykendall made a motion in support of the event. Member Austin seconded the motion. Upon voice vote, motion passed. Member Kavalunas abstained.

Chair Hennings asked members to give thought to someone else being chair of the committee.

Member Kavalunas asked for members thoughts regarding the Bike Movie sponsored by Lucky Brake.

X. Next Meeting

The next meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 11, 2018 at 7:00 p.m.

XI. Adjourn

There being no further business, Member Austin moved to adjourn the meeting at 8:47 pm. Member Pettit seconded the motion. On voice vote, all voted aye. Motion passed.