

Sustainability Committee
Minutes of the Meeting
Video Conference
March 9, 2022

Present: Lynn Stoddard, Susannah Everett, Katie Fratoni, Bill Lennon, Peter Millman, Elaina Hancock, Matt Lisy, Josh Walters, Virginia Walton (staff)

The meeting was called to order at 6:00 pm by chairperson Stoddard.

Introductions were made since Josh Walter is the newest member (an alternate). Hancock was seated for Al Fratoni and Walters was seated for Charles Ausburger.

On a motion by Millman/Lisy, the January 12, 2022 and February 9, 2022 meeting minutes were approved.

On a motion by Lisy/Everett, the Committee nominated Stephanie Deason and Diane Dorfer as Taste of Mansfield Champions. Walton will send members the nomination forms to edit. Nominations are due by March 15.

Stoddard and Walton gave a progress report on the Sustainable CT application. Possible equity actions – MLK mural, Solar For All campaign. EO Smith High School may have completed qualifying equity actions. The Committee reviewed the actions needed to qualify as a climate leader. There was discussion about installing more electric vehicle charging stations in new developments. K. Fratoni will speak to the Town Planner to find out if this is already being addressed in zoning regulation changes.

Walton reported on the Earth Extravaganza on April 23, 2022 from 1 pm to 3 pm. She asked for volunteers to introduce residents to electric vehicles. Millman and Walters offered to seek out EV owners who are willing to show their cars at the event. Walters offered to provide EV information. Lisy will contact an astronomy group to see if they would be interested in putting together a table on dark skies.

The Repair Café is resuming, after a two year hiatus, on Saturday, April 9, 2022 from 10 am to 2 pm. Do members know of anyone who is skilled in repairs? The Repair Café could use more volunteers with electrical skills.

The Committee decided to continue with virtual meetings. When the weather warms and days lengthen, they will have a meeting outside.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:03 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Virginia Walton