

**Sustainability Committee Minutes**  
**Village of Shorewood Hills**  
Wednesday, November 13, 2019  
Village Hall – 810 Shorewood Blvd.

1. Meeting called to order at 7:03 pm by Committee chair Anne Readel
  - **Roll Call:** Members present: Eric Adelman, Cara Coburn Faris, Ty Cashen, Sarah Goldenberg, Anne Helsley-Marchbanks, Nadeem Afghan, Karen Knetter, and Anne Readel. Residents present: Mike Von Schneidemeser.
  - **Meeting Minutes:** Meeting minutes from May were passed unanimously.
  - **Compliance with Open Meeting Law:** The meeting was properly posted.
  
2. **Discussion of Feedback and Draft Sustainability Plan:** It noted that there were a lot of questions during the feedback sessions on the scope of the Plan and whether it also impacted residents (it is only municipality focused). Many residents had a lot of interest in how they could personally incorporate more sustainability practices as individuals. The Committee thought that it would be the role of the Shorewood Hills Green Team to help educate residents in coordination with the Village. The Committee noted that one new idea that came up frequently was noise and air pollution, especially from small motors. It was noted that noise pollution issues have been a big topic over the last few years generally, especially regarding the hospital. The Committee decided to integrate this point into the plan in a larger degree since it impacts so many people and can be a major quality of life issue.

The Committee also discussed what priority areas the Village should focus on in the years to come. The Committee ultimately agreed upon the following priorities:

- Each Village committee should identify a member as its “Sustainability Champion.” The Sustainability Champion will help lead the committee in considering how to integrate sustainability into committee decision-making.
  
- The Village should make significant steps towards becoming a carbon neutral municipality. As an essential step in this process, the Village should conduct a baseline analysis for 2020 to establish baseline carbon metrics for the Village to track and reduce its carbon score.
  
- The Village should reduce the amount of food waste through the establishment of a Village composting program, with the ultimate goal of coming close to becoming a zero-waste municipality.
  
- The Village should adopt measures to address small motor noise and air pollution. This could include encouraging a switch from gas to electric small engines, adoption of an anti-idling ordinance, and considering whether quiet hours should be expanded.

Measures, which may be incorporated into ordinances, could impact not only the municipality and its residents, but also businesses working within the Village.

- The Village should continue to strive to reduce phosphorus and sodium chloride runoff. This includes enforcement of existing ordinances, adopting best practices, participating in adaptive management strategies, and integrating new technologies and equipment that will help accomplish our goals.
- The Village should adopt measures to reduce the use of harmful pesticides, herbicides, and fertilizers in the Village.

The Committee determined that the Plan should be edited to capture the points and priority goals described above.

**Karen moved to have the Committee accept the Sustainability Plan with minor edits discussed and submit it to the Board for adoption. The motion passed unanimously.**

3. The Committee adjourned at 8:48 pm