

Meeting Minutes Sustainability and Energy Meeting

12/14/23

18:01 Meeting Called to Order

Absentees: Ryan, John, David, Patti, Andrei

Call to audience: No audience members today.

Minutes approved by 1st by Dan Small & 2nd by Jim Matthews

Forest Management Task Force:

- Community Energy Plan Event
- 12 signups for newsletter
- Lots of great news and support
 - Invitation to speak at Rotary 2/5/23 - a followup to Larry Burns
- Jim & Jean both to present at Rotary
 - Eagles - Forest Management to be the receiver of their fundraiser
 - Last Wednesday - Forest Management Summit - Good conversation, lots of support and concern, feedback by Georgette - would like more experts on hand.
 - Looking to make community forums similar to the energy plan, panel of experts, etc. (April/May)
 - Larry having an event in February for treatment of hemlocks - partnering with the Dept of Public Works

Brittany to follow up with David about Earth Day - Jean to have a booth etc.

Trivia

Expert Panel, similar to Water Conservation

Conversation about community engagement

Pamela Blough - discussion of social media surveys, education, etc. - provided data

QR codes into the forest

Instantaneous

REELS - Videos, etc to post and share about what the plan for the forest is.

Deer Management:

Contract with Tim at the City yay!

\$500 less than the grant they have. Which is great news!

Entire City Flyover - not specified in the contract - so looking into this.

East End Park and the Airport, Harbor Island - involved - people are excited about this!

Shooting for Early March

Shooting for January City Council for approval of the contract

Working on arrangement with a second organization who would take the venison process and distribute - Doe Patrol - out of Holland. They rely on hunters to donate the venison, so this initiative would help bring more venison to the pantries.

Muskegon Rescue Mission to also receive the venison - will attend a "Town Hall" to speak on feeding the community.

50lbs of meat each week to feed hungry families.

Working to partner with GVSU to pay for and utilize the drone.

Harvest in fall of 2024

Community Energy Plan

BLP - ask how many people signed up for green program

Present survey results to SEC, etc

100-150 people showed up

Overview of what is to come

Jim Hagen - lots of people asking good questions about solar, and explain, etc.

Lots of interest in community solar

Final notes:

Ryan made a pancake article

Get 2024 MiGreenCommunities notes out to SEC

Platinum is an option now yay!

Watch the video!

Citizens Climate Lobby - Old Growth Forest Walk - Duncan Park Collaboration

Meeting Adjourned 18:52

