

**Sustainable Poolesville  
Meeting Minutes  
April, 26 2016**

*Location:* Town Hall

*Attendees:* Wade, Jerry, Joyce, Don, Kerri, Valaree, Tom K., Thomas.

***Call to Order:*** Wade called the meeting to order at 7:05 PM.

***Announcements:***

1) A flyer encouraging switching to LEDs was generated by Joshua Flitter from PHS and will be included in the next water bill mail.

2) Wade proposed to have the Sustainable Poolesville meetings quarterly and communicate via e-mail in the interim. Next major goals depend on new program definitions from Sustainable MD. The current town certification expires in December 2018 and the documentation for re-certification needs to be submitted by June 2018.

3) The Montgomery County Green Fest will be held in Tacoma Park on 4/30.

***Approval of Minutes:***

Jerry made the motion to approve the minutes of the February 23, 2016 meeting. The minutes were unanimously approved.

***New Business:***

1) Solar CoOp: Joyce attended a Rockville Solar CoOp. During the first round this CoOp initially had 200 homeowners interested and at the end about 60 did the actual installation. There is an ongoing discussion to start a second round in conjunction with Montgomery County. During the first round grant money was allocated to MDSun which is a non-profit responsible for coordination and logistics of the CoOp. For the second round new grant money would need to be allocated. Valaree clarified that the town may not allocate money for a grant as such grant would need to benefit the community as a whole.

2) Rainscape: Wade contacted Ann English who is the Rainscapes Program Manager. Two options were identified: the first option involves partnering with the PHS Global Ecology Program and the second option involves a formal Memorandum of Understanding between the town and the DEP for a pilot project. A lot on Wotton Avenue was identified as a potential location for a pilot project.

Valaree will be contacting Erin from MCPS HS to evaluate the first option. Joyce pointed out that there would be additional costs besides the plants.

***Old Business:***

1) Residential Energy Efficiency Programs: Tom K. raised the topic of evaluating homes for energy efficiency.

Joyce will be reaching out to Brunswick to evaluate if anything could be applied locally.

2) Electric Vehicle Charger: A feasibility study for a Public Electric Vehicle Charger was presented to the commissioners last week and was well accepted. How out of town residents would be charged has not been settled yet. This item still needs further argumentation by the town commissioners. Joyce pointed out that there are different adapters for connecting to these stations.

3) Tree City: Arbor day will be held on 4/29. The news release and Arbor Day proclamation has been issued. Jerry will check if the holes have been dug at the schools. This is the last step towards Tree City USA certification.

4) Trail System Mapping (Tom K.): Tom K. Requested for a proposal for a trail map from TechDesign with 10-12 trails that are color coded. Option for more bike racks was discussed and it was suggested that this be taken up with the commissioners. Kerri will map the existing bike racks.

5) Wildlife Habitat (Don): Don received response from the National Wildlife Federation. Statewide several municipalities like Takoma Park and Bowie have been certified; and in Poolesville 15 residences have been certified. The criteria for certification of municipalities is similar the one from Sustainable MD; it requires registration and working towards certain goals. The registration fee for certification is \$99 and after registration one may access to the resources of the National Wildlife Federation. Usually it takes 2 years for certification and a municipality of the of the size of Poolesville would require 150 points to be certified.

**Next Meeting:** July 26 at 7 PM.

**Adjournment:** Jerry made motion to adjourn the meeting. The meeting was adjourned at 8:30 PM.

Submitted by: Thomas Jagodits