

**Sustainability Task Force
Minutes
April 9th, 2019
Big Lake Council Chambers**

1. Introductions
 - a. Task Force members present: Heather Kuikka, Maureen Mossak, Kristi DeCamillis, Becky Guthrie, and Corrie Scott
 - b. Task Force members absent: Klara Porath, Linda Fuhrman, Chrysii Skrypec, and Lisa Odens.

2. Lake Clean Up Day Recap: Lake Clean Up Day took place on March 31st. About 15 volunteers attended the event and gathered more than five bags of garbage from around Big Lake and Lake Mitchell. Corrie submitted a press release to West Sherburne Tribune and posted about it on Facebook.

3. Spring Clean Up
 - a. The event will take place on Tuesday, April 23rd from 5:30pm-7:30pm. Volunteers will meet at City Hall and clean up Eagle Lake Road and the surrounding sidewalks, trails, and ditches. Heather plans to provide lemonade and Corrie is working with Coborn's to see if they will donate cookies. The flyer is up on all City advertising platforms and there is an event page on Facebook.

4. Summer Clean Up: Summer Clean Up will take place on select Wednesdays. The Task Force will meet at the Big Lake Farmers Market at Lakeside Park at 5:30pm and will decide where they want to focus on cleaning that day. Refreshments will not be provided, but volunteers will be encouraged to purchase food from the market vendors. Corrie will set up a booth for the Task Force and is looking into possible signage using sandwich boards and laminated 11x17 signs. Corrie will make a flyer in mid-April and post it to all City advertising platforms. Below are the dates for the Summer Clean Up Series:
 - a. June 19th
 - b. July 17th
 - c. August 14th
 - d. September 11th

5. Earth Day Discussion: Earth Day will take place on Monday, April 22nd, 2019. The group talked about potentially running a social media campaign with ideas of scavenger hunts and bingo cards, but Corrie doesn't have time this year to put together these projects. Corrie will continue to post about the upcoming Recycle Day and Gardening 101 Classes. Members are also encouraged to share articles and pictures that relate to environmental sustainability throughout the month of April.

6. Fix It Clinic: The Fix It Clinic will take place on May 4th from 11am – 1pm. Corrie has four confirmed volunteers and has reached out to the BLHS welding and shop teachers to see if they have interested students that would like to volunteer.
7. Community Garden Classes: Corrie is continuing to advertise the classes that will take place on June 4th, July 9th, August 6th, and September 17th. Corrie confirmed that the Community Room located in the Police Station and Library is booked for the Tuesday and Wednesday of each class in the case of inclement weather.
8. Recruiting Ideas: There are a number of events this summer that the Sustainability Task Force have an opportunity to set up a booth and offer a kids' activity while handing out information on their upcoming events and how to join the group. Corrie will bring a signup sheet for these events to each meeting. If members are interested in signing up for any of the following events, please email Corrie at cscott@biglakemn.org.
 - a. ECFE in the Park
 - b. Bike Rodeo
 - c. Farmers Market
 - d. Theatre in the Park
9. Next meeting scheduled for May 14th at 6:00pm