

**Sustainability Task Force  
Minutes  
May 14<sup>th</sup>, 2019  
Big Lake Council Chambers**

1. Introductions
  - a. Task Force members present: Maureen Mossak, Becky Guthrie, Klara Porath, Bev Anderson, and Corrie Scott
  - b. Task Force members absent: Heather Kuikka, Linda Fuhrman, Chrysii Skrypec, Kristi DeCamillis, and Lisa Odens.
  
2. Spring Clean Up Recap: On Tuesday, April 23<sup>rd</sup>, 2019 the Sustainability Task Force hosted Spring Clean Up Day in honor of Earth Day week. Eight individuals walked the neighborhoods and parks along Eagle Lake Road and picked up a total of four bags of garbage found along sidewalks and in the grass. Corrie sent the press release to the West Sherburne Tribune and it was posted in the Newspaper.
  
3. Summer Clean Up: This series will take place once a month on Wednesdays at 5:30pm. Volunteers will meet at the Big Lake Farmers Market. Corrie will have a picnic table set up with a sign, sign in sheet, garbage bags, and Task Force pamphlets. Below are the dates for the cleanup series:
  - a. June 19<sup>th</sup>, July 17<sup>th</sup>, August 14<sup>th</sup>, September 11<sup>th</sup>
  
4. Fix It Clinic
  - a. The Fix It Clinic took place on Saturday, May 4<sup>th</sup> from 11am – 1pm. Two of the four volunteers were unable to make it. There were no attendees. Weather was in the 70s and there were numerous events going on including Team Liam 5K, a Baby Expo in Monticello, and a Touch a Truck event in Becker. Recommendations that staff and volunteers had is to continue with the Spring date, but partner with an existing event like the winter farmers market in April. Becky mentioned it would be great if we could recruit volunteers from local businesses and offer to promote them on the event flyer and on the website. We will revisit the date for this event in Fall of 2018.
  
5. Community Garden Classes: Corrie is continuing to advertise the classes that will take place on June 4<sup>th</sup>, July 9<sup>th</sup>, August 6<sup>th</sup>, and September 17<sup>th</sup>. As of May 6<sup>th</sup> there are six individuals registered. Becky noted that she will be out of town the first week of June and will be unable to attend the first class.
  
6. Social Media Discussion: Bev Anderson mentioned that the Sherburne County Master Gardeners encourage their followers to take pictures of them in front of their pollinator gardens. Corrie will work on posting a similar challenge on Facebook in May/June. Corrie

encouraged members to actively post, like, share, and comment on the Facebook page. The more activity on the page, the more likely others will find it and potentially follow the page.

7. 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 continue to 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](mailto:cscott@biglakemn.org).
  - a. ECFE in the Park: Select Wednesdays from June to August
  - b. Bike Rodeo: June 12<sup>th</sup>
  - c. Farmers Market: Wednesdays from June to September
  - d. Theatre in the Park: July 19<sup>th</sup> and August 9<sup>th</sup>
8. Highway 10 Banners: Klara was able to create three banner graphics that will be used in the Summer/Spring and Fall/Winter months on Highway 10 City Lampposts. Sponsors helped cover the costs of this project. They are expected to be hung in late May/early June.
9. Recycling Day: This event will take place on May 18<sup>th</sup> from 8:00am-1:00pm. Municipal solid waste will not be accepted this year.
10. Next meeting scheduled for Tuesday, June 11<sup>th</sup> at 6:00pm in the City Council Chambers