



AGENDA OF THE SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 16, 2022, 5:00 PM
Virtual Meeting. Public may join via Zoom.

A. Zoom Meeting Information.

1. This item contains Zoom information, instructions, and a link to the Virtual Comment Form.

B. Roll Call.

1. Chair- Seth Hoffmeister; Vice Chair-Ned Dorff; Alder Mark Steuer; John Arendt; Amy Kox; Kaurie Mihm-PRF; Julia Noordyk; Mark Walter.

C. Approval of the Agenda.

1. Approval of the Sustainability Commission meeting agenda for November 16, 2022.

D. Approval of Minutes.

1. Approval of minutes from October 19, 2022.

E. Regular Business.

F. Informational.

1. Pesticide policy discussion for Parks and other City properties.
2. Work Group Updates
3. Resiliency Coordinator updates

G. Adjournment.

- 1) THIS MEETING IS RECORDED: THE VIDEO OF THIS MEETING AND MINUTES ARE AVAILABLE ONLINE AT www.greenbaywi.gov
- 2) ACCESSIBILITY: Any person wishing to attend who requires special accommodation because of a disability, should contact the City Safety Manager at 920-448-3125 at least 48 hours before the scheduled meeting time so that arrangements can be made.
- 3) QUORUM: Please take notice that a majority or quorum of the Common Council will attend this Sustainability Commission meeting and will constitute a meeting of the Common Council for purposes of discussion and information gathering relative to this agenda.
- 4) REPRESENTATION: The party requesting the communication, or their representative, should be present at this meeting.

Virtual Meeting Instructions



Sustainability Commission

Zoom Meeting Information

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Public Comments

If you wish to speak at this public meeting or leave a comment, please fill out the online [Comment Form](#) prior to the meeting.

Additional Information

1. Wisconsin Open Meetings Law still applies
 - a. Persons interested in speaking to an item must state their name and address for the minutes.
 - b. Committee/Commission/Board members will still follow *Roberts Rules of Order Newly Revised 12th edition*.
2. Please log into the Zoom meeting at least 10 minutes before the meeting begins to ensure a proper connection and that your technology is working.
 - a. If you are a Board Member, please log into [CivicClerk](#) with a computer, laptop, or tablet device.
3. Once you are in the meeting please mute yourself.
 - a. You may unmute yourself when you are called upon to speak.
4. Waiting room
 - a. When you call in or connect via web or Zoom app, you will be placed in a "waiting room."
 - b. The meeting host will then admit you to the meeting, and mute you upon entrance (you will still be able to hear and or otherwise observe the meeting).
5. Registering
 - a. The host may ask you to register for the meeting. A registration link will be sent to you along with the invite. You'll receive another email confirming that you're registered for the meeting.
 - b. If you're using a phone, your registration will be tied to an email.
6. Raising your hand
 - a. Committee/Commission/Board members—you can either use CivicClerk and request to speak or you can also utilize the "raise your hand" tool in the Zoom platform (you'd need to use a computer or tablet) to let the host know you would like to speak. You can also un-mute yourself and start speaking.
 - b. Persons with items on the agenda or other interested parties—you can also utilize the "raise your hand" tool on the Zoom platform via computer or mobile device. You will be allowed to speak once the committee, commission, or board has moved to "open the floor for interested parties to speak." Once discussion on your agenda item has concluded, the host will mute you, unless the committee opens the floor again.
7. What devices should I use?
 - a. Smart phone (please see more detailed instructions on page 3)
 - b. Land line
 - c. Tablet—in advance of the meeting, please download the Zoom Meeting app by using either the Apple Store or the Play Store. You will be asked to input your name, to identify you for the meeting.
 - d. Computer—you can access the meeting through a web browser by clicking on the meeting link, or through the Zoom Meeting app. If using the app, please download it in advance of the meeting. You will be asked to input your name, to identify yourself for the meeting.
 - e. For tablet and computer users—if you download the app you may be asked to verify your email.

8. Zoom etiquette
 - a. Muting yourself when you're not speaking will prevent your background noise from interfering with others' ability to listen to and participate in the meeting.
 - b. If you're using a telephone, please identify yourself with your phone number and state your name and address before you speak. Zoom meeting hosts can see only your telephone number and will ask you to identify yourself.
9. Closed session
 - a. Persons in the Zoom meeting will be put into a waiting room while the committee/commission/board meets in Closed Session. Participants will be admitted back into the Zoom meeting once the committee reconvenes in Open Session.
 - b. Persons watching a Common Council meeting live on YouTube will see a gray screen with the City logo during closed session.
10. Persons interested in attending anonymously or listening to the meeting may call in by dialing *67 followed by the phone number in the Zoom Meeting Information box.

Calling into the Zoom meeting using a smartphone

1. Dial the phone number listed at the beginning of this document.
2. When prompted, enter the Meeting ID number followed by #
3. Once you are in the meeting, notify the meeting host that you are in and state your name.
4. If you do not wish to speak, please make sure your phone is on **Mute**
 - a. If you're using a smartphone, look at your screen and click the Mute button





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AGENDA ITEM # F.I

Pesticide policy discussion for Parks and other City properties.

BACKGROUND

RECOMMENDATION

To aid in the discussion, review the City of Appleton's Turf Management Plan (attachment).

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

- I. Appleton pesticide policy

CITY OF APPLETON POLICY		TITLE: TURF MANAGEMENT PLAN
ISSUE DATE: 10/20/99 Day of Council Adoption	LAST UPDATE: 10/20/99, 01/16/08, 04/22/19	TEXT NAME: K:\Common\Administration\Policies\ Turf Management Policy
POLICY SOURCE: Parks and Recreation Department		TOTAL PAGES: 5
Reviewed by Attorney's Office Date: 3/6/19	Parks and Recreation Committee Approval Date: 4/22/19	Council Approval Date: 4/29/19

I. Purpose

It is the purpose of this policy to define acceptable policies and procedures for the management of turf in parks and other City of Appleton property maintained by the Parks and Recreation Department.

II. Policy

It is the policy of the City of Appleton Parks and Recreation Department to provide turf management practices and procedures for City parks and properties that meet the needs of users and current DNR regulation NR 151 requirements for stormwater management.

III. Definitions

1. Pesticides - chemicals used to manage pests such as insects, rodents and turf diseases.
2. Herbicides - chemicals used to eradicate plants such as weeds and grasses.
3. Selective Herbicides - chemicals designed to eradicate specific plants, such as broad leaf weeds, while not harming the other plant species that share common turf areas.
4. Non-selective herbicides -chemicals designed to eradicate all "green" plant life.
5. Slow-release fertilizer – fertilizer formulated to release its nutrients over a 2-3 month period of time.
6. Fast-release fertilizer - formulated to release its nutrients quickly. This quick release of nutrients provides immediate nutrients to the turf.
7. Category A Areas - parks, recreation facilities and other city properties that will have a 15% or less tolerance for weeds. These areas include athletic fields where quality turf is critical to player safety and fair play or turf areas around facilities that receive high public use or visibility.
8. Category B Areas - parks, recreation facilities and other city properties that will have a 16-40% tolerance for weeds. Included in this category are areas where turf

- C. The application of any herbicide will follow the directions on the product label.
 - D. Spray patterns for non-selective herbicides will not exceed 6" around any object or on either side of a fence line when using non-selective herbicides (exception for softball/baseball warning track area).
 - E. Herbicide applications for broadleaf control will be applied in fall with a systemic herbicide which will be absorbed into the plant within 24 hours.
 - F. The application of herbicides on athletic fields will be scheduled when the fields are not scheduled for use for a minimum of 24 hours.
 - G. Herbicides will not be used on hard surfaces in close proximity to storm sewers.
 - H. Only a vinegar, soap and water mixture will be used around playground equipment.
 - I. Spot application as opposed to broadcast application will be used whenever feasible.
 - J. Caution will be used when applying herbicides along waterways, rivers, etc.
5. The controlled use of fertilizers shall be applied using the following policies and procedures.
- A. Fertilizers will be used when establishing or re-establishing new turf areas (sodding may be suggested more frequently).
 - B. The amount of fertilizer applied to parks, athletic fields or other City properties will be determined by soil testing results and standards identified in Wisconsin DNR Technical Standard #1100 and other accepted turf management practices.
 - C. Fertilizers will be swept off or removed from paved areas.
 - D. A mixture of slow and fast release types of fertilizer will generally be used (slow release only may have a greater tendency to run-off in late fall or early spring and needs a higher ground temperature to be most effective).
 - E. Fertilizers will usually be applied in the fall.
 - F. If necessary, only fast release fertilizers will be used in close proximity to water (less chance of run-off).
6. Other general turf management policies and procedures will include:
- A. Preference will be given to non-chemical means of controlling turf growth around trees, posts, under fences, etc.
 - B. As time permits, park maintenance crews will place mulch rings around trees thus reducing the need for string trimming or herbicide use.
 - C. Mower heights will be set at 2-1/2" – 3".
 - D. A frequent mowing schedule is preferred, ideally never trimming more than 1/3 off the grass plant. Proper mowing will eliminate 60-70% of potential weed problems.
 - E. Whenever possible, mulching mowers will be used.
7. All hard surface areas will have a Category A classification if the following conditions exist:

City of Appleton
Parks and Recreation Department
Classifications of Parks and Other City Properties

Category A

- All Fire Stations
- Appleton Parks and Recreation Department Office
- Athletic Fields in City Parks
- College Avenue and Memorial Drive Triangle
- Erb Pool
- Hadzi Square
- Houdini Plaza
- Library
- Mead Pool
- Municipal Service Building
- Police Department
- Reid Golf Course
- Scheig Center
- Valley Transit Operations Facility
- Wastewater Treatment Plant Office Area
- Water Treatment Plant Office Area

Category B

- Highview Trail
- Lake Park Rd.
- Meadow Grove Boulevard
- Memorial Drive
- Midway Road
- Northland Avenue Boulevards
- Park Hill Drive
- Providence Trail
- Richmond and Glendale Triangle
- S. Oneida Street
- S. Richmond and W. College Avenue Boulevard
- Wastewater Treatment Plant (Excluding office area)
- Water Treatment Plant (Excluding office area)
- Woodward Way Segment of Newberry Trail

Category C

- All Parks
- Other City properties not mentioned above



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AGENDA ITEM # F.2

Work Group Updates

BACKGROUND

4 work groups: 1. Clean Energy, 2. Climate Resilience and Adaptation, 3. Healthy Habitat for All, 4. Waste Reduction

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None



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AGENDA ITEM # F.3

Resiliency Coordinator updates

BACKGROUND

- Citywide comprehensive energy plan
- Comprehensive Green Stormwater Infrastructure plan

RECOMMENDATION

FISCAL IMPACT

ATTACHMENTS

None