



# ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

Tuesday, September 17, 2024 at 5:30 PM

Council Chambers - City Hall, 3rd Floor  
1717 E. Park Street, Two Rivers, WI 54241

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## MINUTES

1. **CALL TO ORDER** – 5:30 pm

2. **ROLL CALL**

**Board Members:** Darla LeClair, Douglas Brandt, Donald DeBruyn, Corinne Weis, Tracey Koach, John Tillotson

**Absent:** Jake Glaser

**Excused:** Jay Orvis

**Staff and Others:** Matthew Heckenlaible, Scott Ahl, Shannon Derby

3. **REVIEW AND APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Minutes from the June 18, 2024 Environmental Advisory Board meeting

Don DeBruyn made a motion to approve the June 18, 2024, Environmental Advisory Board meeting minutes, seconded by Doug Brandt. Motion carried.

4. **PUBLIC INPUT** - N/A

5. **ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION, IF NEEDED**

Tracey Koach and Corinne Weis are taking part in water sampling of the West Twin River at County Trunk Highway VV. Citizens have been collecting samples for the past 6-months and there is one month left. Results should be posted on WDNR website.

6. **ONGOING ITEMS FOR DISCUSSION AND ACTION, AS NEEDED**

A. **Lake Michigan Bird Observatory Grant update** – No update

B. **Urban Forestry Grant endorsement update**

Received a grant for 2024. Applied for a 2025 grant. Awaiting notification if it is to be awarded.

C. **EAB videos posted to EAB website - update**

1. "You've Got the Power" - Brian Dellemann, Electric Department Director
2. "Stormwater Pollution - Mitigation Through Green Infrastructure"  
Julia Noordyk, Sea Grant
3. "Lake Michigan Day 2024" - hosted by LNRP at the Maritime Museum

Future Topics

1. Recycling, Jon Reisenbuechler
2. Light pollution and animal confusion
3. Climate Change, Marco Marquez (was a speaker at Lake Michigan Day 2024)

4. Environmental Impacts on TR Commercial Fishing, Mike LeClair  
Interview completed. Currently in editing. Once completed, it will be posted.
5. Insects, Their Place in Our World, Shea Tillotson (interview 8/16/24)  
Hopefully posting in late September.
6. Charter and Sportsman Fishing
7. Still Bend – Pollinators, Mike Ditmer

**D. Partnership with Van der Brohe Arboretum update – No action**

1. First pass project proposal - still in process
  - \* Goal = stormwater mitigation
  - \* Importance - prevents toxins, solids, pollutants from entering the stormwater sewer system
  - \* Where - discuss how much land we will need/can use
  - \* Who is responsible for design, materials purchases and maintenance
  - \* Plan in 2024 with work starting in 2025

**E. Bee City Designation update (<https://beecityusa.org>) Monarch City?**

Darla had a discussion with Mike Mathis asking him to come to our November meeting to provide an update.

To keep this designation, a certain number of events needs to be done each year. Is there an interest with EAB partnerships? Corinne will find out requirements and send out information. \$200 annual fee (Funding source account to be determined). Divide out various tasks at November meeting.

**F. Low Mow May Update**

Remove due to enforcement concerns with PD.

Corinne Weis made a motion to cease the endorsement of Low Mow May , seconded by John Tillotson. Motion carried.

**G. Paddlers Park - planning in process update**

Corinne provided an update that a Landscape Architect was found, Land CO2. Mike Mathis is going to meet with Eleanor(?) Pete(?) from Land CO2 from Milwaukee. Lakeshore Resource Partnership stated that they would be agreeable to pay for design of landscape plans and would look for additional grants for Paddlers Park to pay for the future improvements. The concept design cost are \$2,040 which is discounted to \$1,000+/-.

Possible tree planting and implementation in 2025.

**H. Northeast Lakeshore TMDL/Urban Non-Point Source Grant**

Consultant performing base mapping and upload into model.

**I. NFWF and Great Lakes & St. Lawrence Cities Initiative Grant Update**

Beach and shoreline improvements near the wastewater treatment plant and along Mariners Trail are in early stages of discussion regarding the final scoping and tasks related to the projects / grants.

**J. Front Yard Vegetable Garden Update**

Winding down for the season. Darla has been receiving photos to post to website. She wants to write a report and push forward for next year – thinks Council will approve. Will bring to Plan Commission with recommendation to Council to change ordinance to be permanent. Keep as is but remove “Pilot”. Darla will talk to Greg about moving forward.

6 participants

Photos posted to website as they become available

**K. 2024-2025 Winter Educational Series**

October 10, 2024 - A Natural Balance - blending trees, nature, art and people –  
Darla will contact John Durbrow to see if he is still interested in giving this talk.

November 14, 2024 - Birding at Home - attracting and caring for native birds

December 12, 2024 - Rain Gardena - blending style and sustainability

January 9, 2025 - Fins and Scales - conservation, management and recipes for Great Lakes fish

February 13, 2025 - Rest and Relax at Local Parks - incorporating green space, art and recreation

March 13, 2025 - What Would You Do? - keeping wildlife wild

April 10, 2025 - Light Pollution and Animal Confusion

Board discussion showed excitement for the series to begin at 6 pm at the library.

**7. OTHER ITEMS THAT MAY COME BEFORE THE BOARD, WITH CONSIDERATION AND ACTION, IF NEEDED**

**A. Lakeshore Natural Resource Partnership**

1. Lake Michigan Day 2024 – Discussion and review of the day.

2. Engagement opportunities (beach cleanup)

Director Heckenlaible stated that in a recent publication there are various friends’ groups elsewhere promoting cleanup engagements. He suggested that EAB help promote local cleanups. Don DeBruyn noted that the Friends of Two Rivers have done some cleanups in the past and they have equipment to assist in clean up. Help promote.

**8. SET DATE, TIME, AND AGENDA ITEMS FOR NEXT BOARD MEETING**

Proposed for Tuesday, October 15, 2024, at 5:30 pm

**9. ADJOURNMENT – 6:59 pm**

Tracy Koach made a motion to adjourn the meeting, seconded by John Tillotson. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by: Matthew R. Heckenlaible

Public Works Director/City Engineer