

TO: Honorable Mayor and City Council Members
GreenStep Committee Members
FROM: Bill Waller, City Administrator
DATE: December 4, 2018
RE: Meeting Minutes
November 28, 2018

The La Crescent GreenStep Committee met at 4:30 pm, on Wednesday, November 28, 2018, in the conference room at the La Crescent City Hall. The following members were present: Brian Krenz, Reid Smith, John Lambert, Angie Boettcher, Janelle Ramaker, Tyler Benish, Jason Ludwigson, Michael Alfieri, and Bill Waller.

1. It was the consensus of the members present to approve the minutes of the August 29, 2018 and October 10, 2018 GreenStep meetings as presented.
2. Janelle Ramaker and John Lambert were introduced as new members of the GreenStep Committee.
3. An update was provided regarding the CERT's seed grant project. The project is approximately 50% complete, with the balance of the project to be completed by March of 2019.
4. The committee was updated on the status of the proposed 2019 City general fund budget, including funding for a contracted sustainability coordinators position and participation in the Regional Blufflands Coalition.
5. Tree City USA designation for 2018 will be completed and submitted, and the proposed 2019 Arbor Day tree planting project was reviewed with the committee.
6. Bird City USA designation was reviewed. It was the consensus of the Committee that the City continue to work towards completing the requirements for designation as a Bird City USA, and the membership of the natural resources advisory group was discussed.
7. The Committee discussed the 2019 MnDOT Landscape Partnership Project, and agreed to set a meeting date with MnDOT staff to finalize a plan for the 2019 project.
8. The proposed pollinator resolution was reviewed and it was the consensus of the Committee to recommend that the City Council adopt the resolution as presented.
9. An update was provided regarding the City's recently approved solar project at four municipal buildings, and information was provided regarding the potential for the school district to install solar on school facilities.
10. The committee discussed the solar thermal project that is planned for the aquatic center in 2019, the drive electric corridor, and the opportunity to replace the current City bus in 2020 with a new electric bus.
11. Information was presented regarding the PACE funding program. It was agreed to invite a representative from CERTs to the next greenstep meeting to present information on the program.
12. B-3 benchmarking data for 2017 was distributed and reviewed at the meeting.
13. It was agreed that the following items would be added to the agenda for a greenstep meeting in January: school districts greenteam, recycling education, additional pollinator areas, single sort roll out for recycling, and construction and demolition waste.
14. There being no further business to discuss, the meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:45 pm.

