

**VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM
GREEN TIER AD-HOC COMMITTEE WORKING SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JULY 11, 2024 – 8:00 AM - 9996 WATER STREET**



Present: Michael McCutcheon, Lane Methner, Bruce Nelson, and Cindy Nelson-Chair.

Absent: Jeff Lutsey

Guests: None.

Staff: Brent Bristol – Village Administrator and Kim Roberts – Deputy Clerk

1. Review of June 1 Clean Up Ephraim Day:

A review was held regarding the inaugural Ephraim Clean-up Day. Notes for next year's events were made to reduce the coffee and doughnut gathering to one (1) hour, meet at the hall beforehand to hand out vests, and create an organized effort of which people are doing what areas of the Village. It was also noted that the event likely should be held earlier in the year when the grass and weeds are smaller, perhaps in early May.

2. Discussion next steps for Ephraim Wetlands:

A discussion was held about the recently completed Boardwalk project. It was noted that the boardwalks are wonderful but there is still work to be done. All agreed it should be kept natural but there is a need to establish a path and keep people on it. Mulch is needed because it is difficult to walk in certain areas. Replacement signage is still being worked on. It was agreed that the Ephraim Wetlands was a village property and would be maintained by the village, with attention paid to brushing and mulching. Bristol explained that this work needs to be put on pause until the file on the grant is closed with the state. C. Nelson noted that Lutsey had volunteers willing to help spread mulch.

3. Battery Recycling discussion:

A discussion was held regarding battery recycling. C. Nelson reviewed information obtained from Brown County. Battery drop-off is only free for Brown County residents. C. Nelson will look into pricing with both Going Garbage and Brown County. The committee decided on collection spots: The Administrative Building, The Visitor Center, and the Post Office. Bristol suggested a sign be placed out at recycling showing people on a map where the battery collection sites are located. C. Nelson will coordinate and discuss with the Physical Facilities and Utilities (PFU) committee to determine if the Village is willing to support the program.

4. Update on Moravia Point:

C. Nelson reported that the contractor the Village was interested in doing the work on Moravia Point has taken a position with the County; he's not adding projects. The project is currently stalled.

5. Clean Marina Update:

B. Nelson reported that the Clean Marina materials and Emergency Procedure Handbook are completed. The next step is to complete employee training and once that happens the site visit and inspection can be scheduled for the Village to qualify as a Clean Marina.

6. Water Filling Station Update:

No new information to report.

7. Discussion on Plastic Bag Removal:

C. Nelson reported that the Door County group will be discussing plastic bag removal at the October meeting. It is a hot topic and the hope is to come out of the meeting as a unified Door County group. She noted that if the plastic bags can be reduced it will make a small difference in the overall use of plastics.

8. Upcoming Newsletter Article:

C. Nelson will submit the Green Tier article for the Village Newsletter.

9. Next meeting:

Next meeting date: Thursday, September 5, 2024, at 8:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:35 AM.

Recorded by, Kim Roberts – Deputy Clerk