

**VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM  
GREEN TIER AD-HOC COMMITTEE WORKING SESSION MINUTES  
THURSDAY, SEPTEMBER 5, 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

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**1. Discussion and update on the Ephraim Wetlands:**

A discussion was held regarding the Ephraim Wetlands. Brushing is to be completed by the Maintenance Department as the weather cools this fall. Mulch spreading will have to wait until spring; the Village mulch pile has been depleted. The brush pile will be ground in early spring so that the mulch can be spread on the still-hard ground at the Wetlands.

**2. Discussion and update on Battery Recycling:**

C. Nelson reported that it was not possible to work with Brown County for battery recycling. While it is possible to work with Going Garbage, it may be cost-prohibitive with the cost of one dollar (\$1.00) per pint of batteries.

The committee discussed promoting county-wide events in which village residents could easily recycle their batteries.

**3. Discussion and update on Clean Marina.**

B. Nelson reported that the Village is now a certified Clean Marina. He noted the idea to obtain the certification started with the Green Tier Committee. The renewal cycle for certification is every five (5) years.

**4. Discussion and update on Water Filling Stations:**

There was nothing new to report.

**5. Discussion and update on Food Pantry Magnets:**

Methner noted that the project is on hold until after the fall festivals.

C. Nelson suggested that they be included with the issuance of the STR renewals in November.

**6. Discussion and update on Bird City and Tree City Applications:**

C. Nelson suggested a future review if the Bird City certification was worth the time and financial requirements. She noted the process to renew Tree City is simple and without cost.

**7. Discussion on Green Tier Update for the Village Board:**

The committee agreed that an update for the Village Board would be conducted in November.

**8. Discussion and update on Green Tier Five (5) Year Recognition Letter:**

A discussion was held regarding the Department of Natural Resources' recognition of the Village of Ephraim's five (5) years as a Green Tier Legacy Community. C. Nelson spoke about the benefits of the Door County group and the resulting collaborative efforts, shared information, and goals. C Nelson inquired if the Ephraim Business Council had considered a composting effort similar to Jacksonport for the Bondemarked Farmers Market. Methner noted that she would gather information from Lutsey.

**9. Next meeting:**

Next meeting date: Thursday, October 3, 2024, at 8:00 AM.

The meeting adjourned at 8:20 AM.

Recorded by, Kim Roberts – Deputy Clerk