

**VILLAGE OF EPHRAIM
GREEN TIER AD-HOC COMMITTEE WORKING SESSION MINUTES
THURSDAY, JANUARY 9, 2025 – 8:00 AM - 9996 WATER STREET**



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

Absent: Jeff Lutsey and Sophie Nelson.

Guests: None.

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

1. Discussion regarding Door County Big Plant 2025 Tree Order:

The Committee discussed the preliminary order for the 2025 Big Plant. C. Nelson noted that the prices were the same as last year for the three (3) year-old trees. The Committee decided to ask Physical Facilities and Utilities “PFU” for a budget of two hundred dollars (\$200) which would allow for approximately sixty-six (66) trees to be ordered for 2025.

2. Update on Door County Trails after the Town of Gibraltar Meeting in December:

The Committee discussed the Town of Gibraltar meeting, the feasibility study, and potential connectivity from the Redman Property. McCutcheon reviewed the email received yesterday from Susan Stauber of Door County Trails, Inc. He noted that there would be an upcoming meeting on January 23, 2025, for local governments with the Door County Trails organization.

3. Discussion on Wetlands Signage:

C. Nelson discussed that she has a commitment from two (2) naturalists to come and walk the Wetlands in Spring. They will be able to point out areas and items of significance to assist with what should be included in the signage. The larger sign at the entrance of the Wetlands can be put together from the historical files and grant applications. A brief discussion was held regarding getting piles of mulch as far into the Wetlands as soon as possible if the weather holds.

4. Discussion regarding Bird City:

C. Nelson recommended to the Committee that the Village discontinue the Bird City program. The Committee agreed. Methner noted that she would review marketing to ensure that all references are removed.

5. Update on Water Filling Stations:

B. Nelson discussed that he had met with plumber Tim Nelson to get an idea of what installation costs would be for water-filling stations. Costs would be dependent on water accessibility, drainage, and access to electricity. Installation could range from two thousand five hundred dollars (\$2,500) to three thousand five hundred dollars (\$3,500) per unit depending on the work that needs to be completed.

The Committee discussed locations and decided to meet with MacDonald and Tim Nelson to rank the locations (Visitor Center, Beach, Village Hall, Marina, and Anderson Dock) for ease of installation to look at the feasibility of the locations.

6. Discussion regarding the Village Newsletter and subscriber information:

C. Nelson noted this was follow-up information from the last meeting on how residents subscribe to the website to receive Village information.

7. Discuss Green Tier as a Standing Committee:

C. Nelson explained that through the Green Tier Presentation at last month's Board meeting, the discussion of Green Tier being a standing committee led to some possible creative solutions.

Next meeting:

Next meeting date: Thursday, February 13, 2025, at 8:00 AM.

Follow-up items: Saturday, May 3, 2025, Clean Up Day. Items to discuss include the creation of a map to show people where to focus their efforts to avoid duplication, a shorter community gathering period, vests for visibility, and roads/areas to focus efforts that need the most attention (Town Line Drive, Settlement Road, and German Road).

The meeting adjourned at 8:45 AM.

Recorded by, Kim Roberts – Deputy Clerk