

Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee

Meeting Minutes September 17, 2019

Chairperson, Kathleen Caccavale, called the meeting to order at 1:05 pm.

STATEMENT IN COMPLIANCE WITH THE OPEN PUBLIC MEETINGS ACT:

“In compliance with the Open Public Meetings Act, adequate notice of this meeting of the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee (SMAC) Meeting was provided by transmitting a copy of the meeting notice to the Madison Eagle and Morris County Daily Record, posting a copy on the bulletin board at the main entrance of the Hartley Dodge Memorial, and filing a copy in the office of the Clerk. This notice was made available to members of the general public.”

The following members acknowledged their presence:

Kathleen Caccavale, Chairperson

Peter Fried, Resident/Regular Member

Joan Maccari, MEC Representative/Regular Member

Lisa Jordan, Resident/Regular Member

Gene Cracovia, Resident/Regular Member

August 20 minutes were unanimously approved.

For Bottle Hill Day, our Sustainable Jersey Plaque with silver certifications will be on display on the environmental commission table, along with some information about Sustainable Madison. Joan will manage that display.

Peter Fried expects to “attend” the Sustainable Jersey (SJ) Grant Cycle Informational Webinar on September 18.

The SJ annual awards lunch will be held November 19. Members are asked to decide by the October meeting if they will be available to attend.

Outstanding “Must Revise” action items were reviewed. Members summarized their plans to complete these actions. None of the outstanding “Must Revise” actions is required for silver certification in this cycle, but all additional “approved” actions will add to our total points.

Items not yet approved for this cycle include

- Commercial energy efficiency outreach
- Renewable energy is “planned”, but unclear what corrections were suggested by SJ
- Could submit a pedestrian audit, would require unlocking that item
- Community asset mapping could be further enhanced
- Municipal energy efficiency – audits needed for the last 5 points – order not yet placed for alternative fuel vehicles

Looking forward to some of the items under consideration for the “off” years

- Community Visioning Plan
- Companion animals

- Green grounds
- Green purchasing
- Bicycle audit
- Complete streets
- Anti-idling signs
- Energy tracking and management
- Bike racks at Borough parks
- Review maps for open space plan
- Greening the green fair
- Students available to do graphics for energy tracking
- Make energy tracking information available on Rosenet
- Green materials and solar panels on YMCA

There is a possibility of getting on the Borough Council agenda for January or February.

What to present to the council?

- 2019 accomplishments of the Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee (SMAC) - highlights
- What we would have liked to have done
- What we plan to do in the off years

Members should think about the SJ action items they have completed and begin creating slides.

Thoughts and slides can be put into the presentations folder on Sustainable Madison's Google Drive

A table at the Library Green Fair would help us to show residents what we do.

We should work to invite a representative of the school board to attend our meetings.

Green Madison on Facebook and twitter should be updated.

The Sustainable Madison webpage should also be updated.

The next meeting of Sustainable Madison Advisory Committee (SMAC) is scheduled for October 15, 2019 at 1:00 pm.

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 3:39 pm.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Joan Maccari.