

**Sustainability Task Force
Minutes
January 8th, 2019
Big Lake Council Chambers**

1. Introductions
 - a. Task Force members present: Maureen Mossak, Kristi DeCamillis, Becky Guthrie, and Corrie Scott
 - b. Task Force members absent: Linda Fuhrman, Chrysii Skrypec, Heather Kuikka, and Lisa Odens.

2. Lake Clean Up Day
 - a. Corrie put together a flyer for the event and shared it on the City's Advertising Platforms, with the schools, and with the BLCLA. She will continue to share with groups that might be interested in volunteering for the event including the Anglers, 4-H, and Snow Cruisers.
 - b. Sunday, January 20th 1pm-3pm
 - c. Sunday, February 24th 1pm-3pm

3. Fix It Clinic
 - a. Corrie put together a flyer for the Fix-It Clinic and shared it on the City's Advertising Platforms. She will also share the flyer with the school.
 - b. The City of Elk River confirmed that we can borrow their tools for the event. The contact for Elk River is Amanda Bednar.
 - c. Corrie is working on a call for volunteers for the event. Two of last year's three volunteers confirmed that they will be returning. Kristi mentioned that her daughter likes to fix jewelry and is interested in volunteering with Kristi's help.
 - d. May 4th from 11am – 1pm

4. Community Garden Classes
 - a. A proposal was sent to the Sherburne County Master Gardeners Board including details on how the proposed classes will work. The City will handle registration, donation of equipment and a garden plot, and advertising. Corrie will update the group when she hears back from the Master Gardeners, hopefully in February.

5. Residential Greening Project

- a. The Task Force decided to table this project until 2020. Kristi mentioned that the SWCD is selling reduced price trees to the general public. Corrie will reach out to Gina to see if they would like the City to share this information on social media.
6. Spring-Fall Clean Up
 - a. The group discussed having a Spring-Fall Clean Up event. This discussion will be tabled until the February meeting.
7. Other
 - a. Sherburne County Master Gardeners: Becky asked if the Master Gardeners are having a plant sale and/or Expo in 2019. Corrie will seek more information on this and help to promote their events.
 - b. Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Group: A discussion on the 2019 Bike Rodeo and Walk/Bike to School day ensued. The Big Lake Bicycle Advisory Group meets monthly to promote a more bikeable city. This meeting is open to the public. More information can be found on the City's website. As information on the 2019 Bike events is confirmed, Corrie will share it with the group.
 - c. Big Lake Farmers Market: Booth space is available at the Big Lake Farmers Market during the winter season. Heather expressed interest in volunteering for the February event from 5pm-6pm. The Task Force decided that if they volunteer it would be a great time to promote purchasing the Big Lake Farmers Market reusable bags that are on sale for \$2 at the market and at City Hall's front desk.
 - d. Earth Day: April 22nd is Earth day. The Task Force discussed hosting an online event/contest involving sustainability Facebook challenges. This discussion will continue in February.
8. Next meeting scheduled for February 12th at 6:00pm