

**MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP ADVISORY COMMISSION**  
**NOVEMBER 4, 2008**  
**5:00 P.M.**  
**CITY HALL ANNEX, 1300 MAIN, CONFERENCE ROOM # 2**

Wayne Klostermann called the meeting to order at 5:00 p.m.

**MEMBERS PRESENT:** Mike Buelow, Joe Suarez, Wayne Klostermann, Gayle Gross, Ed Cawley, Chad Oberdoerster

**MEMBERS ABSENT:** One seat remains vacant

**STAFF PRESENT:** Mary Rose Corrigan, Jon Brown, Don Vogt

Mary Rose Corrigan completed the Certification of Compliance with the Iowa Open Meetings Law.

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Mike Buelow moved to accept the Minutes of the September 2, 2008 meeting. Chad Oberdoerster seconded the motion. There were no changes. The motion passed 6 – 0 by roll call vote.

**TEST AGENDA:**

With the addition of swearing in of new Commission members, Mike Buelow moved to approve the agenda. Joseph Suarez seconded the motion. Motion passed 6-0 by roll call vote.

**SWEARING IN:**

Chairperson Klostermann swore in Chad Oberdoerster and Ed Cawley to their positions.

**ITEMS FROM COMMISSION:**

**OLD BUSINESS:**

1. Committee Reports.
  - **Developers Roundtable** (Mike Buelow) - No report.
  - **Stormwater/Erosion Control Committee** – Chad and Ed agreed to serve on this Committee. – no report.
  - **Comprehensive Plan Update** (Joe Suarez) – no report. The Comprehensive Plan is completed so this may be removed from the agenda.
  - **Unified Development Code Citizen Advisory Committee** (Wayne Klostermann) – Wayne reported there was an open house Wednesday night at the Federal Building to obtain general comments from the public on the draft UDC.

2. Deer Management Burning Option.

Wayne is familiar with a company named Pizzo specializing in burning. Wayne explained that they are given a map and shown where to burn and the underbrush and small scrub trees are burned in the process. The larger vegetation remains and the deer move away from that area. The burn would be either on private or City property and costs approximately \$400 - \$600 per acre. Pizzo burns for Pheasants Forever and will be doing a burn for the City in the wetlands area by the Dog Track. It happens very quickly with little smoke. Therefore, there are more environmental advantages than disadvantages, including moving the deer since their food source will be gone, and creating area for new foliage growth and rejuvenation to occur in the spring. This also assists with drainage and stormwater management. Possible adverse impacts from

burning would be air quality issues, although this is minimal since the burn happens quickly.

Staff will need to look at aerial maps and do estimates on where to burn and how many acres. The City Council should be aware the ESAC will be studying this for a budget recommendation.

Joseph Suarez made a motion to research the burning for deer management and make a budget recommendation for FY10 or FY11. Gayle Gross seconded the motion. Motion passed unanimously by a roll call vote.

3. Wayne suggested the Dog Track use the methane produced there to use as energy for heat or electric generation on-site. Don Vogt suggested we find out the quantity of methane produced at the Dog Track. Sites that produce methane have more optimal times than others when energy may be captured for use.

#### **NEW BUSINESS.**

1. Mike Buelow made a motion to send a letter to Sister Mary Clare O'Toole with regrets of her resignation and thanking her for her contribution to the ESAC. Chad seconded the motion. Motion passed with 6-0 with a roll call vote. Mike Buelow mentioned that all the Commissioners should sign the letter.

Chad reported on the Sustainable Dubuque Task Force which is now wrapping up. He would like to see the ESAC take on some of the recommendations and help the progress with the sustainability effort and educate the public. As the City moves forward, this Commission could have a greater role.

#### **ITEMS FROM STAFF:**

#### **OLD BUSINESS:**

#### **NEW BUSINESS:**

#### **ITEMS FROM THE PUBLIC:**

No one present to address the Commission.

#### **CLARIFICATION OF TASKS:**

Research Pizzo. Determine amount and type of methane produced at Dog Track – Mary Rose. Mary Rose will forward sustainability recommendations to ESAC.

#### **FUTURE AGENDA ITEMS:**

Board/Commission reports.

#### **NEXT MEETING DATE:**

December 2, 2008

#### **ADJOURNMENT:**

Mike Buelow moved to adjourn the meeting. Gayle Gross seconded the motion. With a roll call vote, Motion passed 6 - 0 and the meeting adjourned at 5:50 p.m.

MRC/cj