

Manitowoc Sustainability Committee Meeting Minutes  
August 28, 2014\*

The meeting was called to order at 5:00 pm.

**Members present**

Jon Reisenbuechler  
Keith Shaw  
Michael Pearson  
Judi Northen

**Member Updates**

Jon asked that each member bring the others up to date on their activities as related to the Committee. He announced that the 2014 Manitowoc County Tire Collection will take place from September 8<sup>th</sup> to September 20<sup>th</sup> at the Recycling Center. County residents can drop off their waste tires for a nominal fee. Jon stated that if anyone has a large quantity of tires for disposal he will work with them to get that accomplished.

Michael relayed information related to meeting with Jill Hennessey and Mike Howe regarding the planned Grow It Forward garden project. The site under consideration at this time is the South 14<sup>th</sup> Street area near Monroe School. Michael reported that, due to past issues with objections from neighbors, this project will be handled with a view to seeking the support of neighborhood residents and possibly asking for their help in the design of the garden. In addition Grow It Forward hopes to add unused greenspace located on Flambeau Street where it ends at 14<sup>th</sup> Street, adding to their available growing space.

Michael further announced that Grow It Forward has scheduled a public information session at City Hall at 6:00pm on Thursday, October 2, 2014.

Keith reviewed the Marine Sanctuary project he reported on during the Committee's July 24, 2014 meeting. He explained that a response is still awaited from County and Federal officials, and he will let us know of any developments. Jon mentioned that our Committee could keep the community informed about the progress of the project and about the benefits of having the Sanctuary in Manitowoc.

Judi had no input to the updates this month, since the Lakeshore Unitarian Universalist Environmental Committee does not meet in the summer.

**"Yardening" Presentation**

Judi has been talking with Margaret Gerhard regarding attending one of the Committee meetings to present her experience with front yard gardening. The Committee will not be meeting in September, however Margaret is available for our October meeting on the 23<sup>rd</sup>.

**Potential Tour at MPU**

Jon stated he will contact Adam Becker to determine the status of scheduling this tour.

**Next Meeting**

The September, 2014 meeting of this Committee has been cancelled; Chairman Jon Reisenbuechler will be attending a business conference during that time. The next meeting is scheduled for 5:00 pm on Thursday, October 23, 2014.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:20 pm.

*\*Note: Since the Committee had no quorum today, these minutes merely describe discussion which took place, and will be re-visited at our next meeting scheduled for Thursday, October 23, 2014.*