

COMMUNITY PROTECTION & SERVICES COMMITTEE
January 4, 2023

A meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee was called to order at 4:30pm by Chairperson Williams in the Council Chambers, City Hall. **Roll Call:** Ald. Williams, Ald. Reeths and Ald. Wiederanders were present. Also present from City Departments were Chief Henry, and Mike Barker.

Moved by Ald. Wiederanders, seconded by Ald. Reeths to adopt the following agenda:

1. Roll Call
2. Adoption of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes from December 7, 2022
4. Public Comment of Agenda Items
5. Discussion of: Appointment of an Ad Hoc Committee for Natural Lawns
6. Adjourn

All Ayes. Carried.

Approval of Meeting Minutes

Moved by Ald. Reeths, seconded by Ald. Wiederanders to approve the December 7, 2022 minutes. All Ayes. Carried.

Public Comment

None

Ad Hoc Committee for Natural Lawns

Discussion on forming an Ad Hoc committee of neutral parties would be beneficial in process of allowing natural lawns in the City of Sturgeon Bay commenced.

The committee would focus on areas such as:

- Define what would be considered a natural lawn.
- Allowing only a certain percentage of a yard to be natural lawn.
- Consider lot size when allowing natural lawn.
- Address having lawn borders or parameters.
- Advise what species grow well in the environment; only allow those.
 - Mike Barker stated the Wisconsin DNR has a guide on their website that could be used in accordance with this.

The goal is to have the Ad Hoc assembled by February, they will meet a few times and then report back to CPS in March.

Chief Henry stated a permit should be designed laying out the purpose of having an explanation of structure/expectation for upkeep; otherwise it won't be able to be enforced.

If creating an ordinance is decided, the Municipal Services Director will manage its compliance.

Moved by Ald. Wiederanders seconded by Ald. Reeths to create an Ad Hoc committee for natural lawns in the City of Sturgeon Bay. This committee is to meet no more than three times, and report back to CPS in March. All ayes. Carried.

Moved by Ald. Reeths, seconded by Ald. Wiederanders to adjourn the meeting of the Community Protection & Services Committee. All ayes. Carried. The meeting was adjourned at 4:57pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Sarah Spude-Olson
Police Department Office Manager