

**Minutes**  
**Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee of St. Joseph**  
**May 20, 3:30 PM**

The Sustainable Environment Advisory Committee of St. Joseph met per Zoom on May 20, 3:30 PM. The Zoom was through the City of St. Joseph, with Patrick Ruiz managing the invitations. Members on the call were Jan Storts, LuAnn Cadden, Dr. Dawn Drake, Sean DeWeese, Leah Swindler (Assistant Environmental Services Supervisor, Water Protection,) Patrick Ruiz (Interim City Planner,) Martha Clark (ISA-Certified Arborist and consultant,) and Diane Waddell (moderator.) Also on the call were Shelley White, community member, Carol Flury, Neighborhood Development Coordinator, and Kim Schutte, Historic Preservation Consultant.

The minutes of the April meeting were accepted.

**Old business**

**SUSTAINABLE ALLIANCE OF ST. JOE**

We will proceed according to current plans. Diane suggested that members continue to look for businesses which have environmentally an sustainable mission/vision.

**TREE PLANTING**

There were no new reports, however we look toward the fall where we can request trees from Forest ReLeaf for our Pocket Parks as well as a tree each for the neighborhood associations. Martha may be able to drive to St. Louis to pick these up.

**MONTHLY FOCUS**

May - Blanding's Turtles was the choice for May. Dawn and Mark Mills from MWSU shared some excellent info and videos.

June - To celebrate National Pollinator Week, we discussed the work of Harris-Kemper Neighborhood and their pollinator garden. Shelley White will continue to work on possibilities.

July — In alliance with Water Conservation month, we would like to focus on the Corby Wetland Project and rain garden to raise awareness about the area. LuAnn will work with Leah about getting information on Facebook. Katie Bruegge with Water Protection works with this project as well.

August - We would like to highlight education as well as decreasing wasteful use of products which require recycling. Diane will research ways to promote decreasing waste such as eliminating straws and plastic bags. Leah will talk with Whitney Lanning from the Preschool at Community Action Partnership, where they do composting.

September - We are looking at promoting decreasing our carbon footprint. Dawn will check on an EPA calculator and one from the University of Florida, both of which calculate carbon footprints.

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## RECYCLING

Martha has communicated with Jennifer Melbourne and Robert Melbourne's interest in purchasing a plastics recycling plant. They are still working on this and have applied for a couple grants in the hopes of purchasing it. We will follow up next month as well.

### **New business**

Patrick noted that he will be moving away to pursue higher education but will be able to set up our Zoom meeting in July. We wished him well.

### **Next meeting**

We agreed that the next meeting would also be a Zoom call. We will meet at 3:30 on Wednesday, June 17.

Submitted by Diane Waddell