

**MINUTES**  
**Sustainable Sheboygan Task Force**  
**Wednesday, December 11, 2013 at 6:00 P.M.**  
City Hall, 828 Center Ave., Sheboygan, WI 53081  
Third Floor Conference Room

**Present:** Kevin Struck, Mark Albert, Mayor Vandersteen, John Hill, Ald. Darryl Carlson, Damian Nevers, Chad Pelishek, Aaron Brault. Ald. Don Hammond (Proxy for Matichek), Greg Ryan and Ted Vallis, (quorum present)

**Excused:** Laura Gumm, Mark Pawasarat, Scott Hanson, Jeanne Kliejunas, Brian Schwaller, and Pete Pittner

**Citizen Observers:** Mike Moegenburg, Laurel Sukup (WDNR), Sawyer Brault, and Isabelle Brault

The meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Ald. Darryl Carlson with the Pledge of Allegiance.

**Presentation by Laurel Sukup, Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources, regarding Legacy Communities Green Tier Charter.**

The Green Tier program is set up for both businesses and municipalities. The business program is a different program than the municipality program.

In order for a business to become part of the Charter, they need to go beyond compliance and have an environmental management system.

Municipalities:

The following organizations support the Green Tier Charter:

1. League of Municipalities
2. Wisconsin Energy Conservation Corporation
3. 1000 Friends of Wisconsin
4. WI Dept. of Natural Resources
5. UW Center of WI Strategy

Ten communities are part of the Charter and some of the larger ones include Appleton, Weston, Eau Claire, Fitchburg, etc.

Being part of the Charter is completely voluntary and there is no cost. The Charter is away for municipalities to develop a baseline where you are today and develop priorities for each year.

Question: Are there any penalties is funding for the year does not allow the Municipality to reach its goals.

Answer: No, the program is based to work towards reaching the goals.

The program encourages best management practices and the appendix at the end of the Charter is strictly a listing of ideas that municipalities can use to obtain their goals. They are by no means tied to those particular items.

Program was never set up to be a competition between communities

Requirements: A municipality needs to develop a framework for baseline, goals, and submit an annual report.

- Adoption of a resolution
- Develop a sustainability Implementation and Monitoring Plan
- Act upon local properties and keep getting better
- Annual report
- Share ideas/Network with similar municipalities

Benefits:

- 1) Recognition
- 2) Single Point of Contact
- 3) Access to resource team/ technical assistance
- 4) Quarterly meetings with other members and experts  
2014: Two face-to-face meetings
- 5) Monthly webinars
- 6) Principal Forgiveness of 10% add-on Green Tier Legacy Communities for DNR Loan Programs
- 7) Extra Points & Tie-Breaker points on DNR grant programs
  - Water/ urban forestry & some Dept. of Energy

Website:

[www.greentiercommunities.org](http://www.greentiercommunities.org)

### **Adjournment**

Motion made by Mark Albert and seconded by Damian Nevers to adjourn. Motion passed unanimously. Meeting adjourned at 7:04 pm.