

## **Swanville Energy & Environment Planning Team Meeting 1**

**11/09/2021**

**Present:** Sandy Lange, Norm Carlson, Tom Kuehne, Carter Loven, Lonny Hutchins, Erica Bjelland, BJ Allen

The meeting started at 7:00pm. We discussed what energy and environment is, and the five main subject areas of energy and environment we will be focusing on: Energy, Water, Land and Food, Waste, and Storm Events. Planning team members added why they are interested in participating in this community planning. The team is committed to helping provide for the welfare of the city. They indicated interest in saving electricity and money for the city by reducing energy consumption. Also runoff on the hill was brought up, issues that arose when a tornado came through town a couple of years ago, and care around the new development that is happening in the north area of town so that it happens in a way that protects city water, public health, and other systems. There was also discussion about toxic waste disposal awareness.

In terms of public shelters in the event of a storm, there is a park building that is made out of brick that has been previously identified as a shelter according to the planning team. There is also a fallout shelter under the museum that needs some work. Emergency shelters/gathering facilities identified in the 2007-2012 Morrison County Hazard Mitigation Plan included the Bible Church, St. Peter's Church and St. John's Catholic Church but the planning team indicated that the Catholic church does not have a basement.

Erica introduced why Region Five is committed to working in the energy & environment arena, and discussed using WealthWorks as a different tool for evaluation purposes.

The team reviewed a draft community survey and reduced its size so it should be even quicker for people to respond and voice their opinions. One great idea was that there could be potential to team up with the school to offer discounts for basketball games if community members completed a survey during the game. Others recommended asking for community members to complete the survey during coffee and donuts at the senior center. The survey can be advertised in the town flyer.

The survey will be released on SurveyMonkey on December 1<sup>st</sup> and close on December 31<sup>st</sup>. It will also be made available in print during the same time period.

Final order of business was to establish the remaining three meeting schedules and we switched the day to Wednesdays, 7-8:30pm.

**Wednesdays 12/8/21; Wednesday 1/12/22; Wednesday 2/23/22**

The meeting closed around 8:15pm.