

Greetings Mr. Mayor,

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I would like to ask you to name Michael Pearson of Manitowoc to be a sitting member on the Sustainability Committee. He attended our last meeting and we found him to be an enthusiastic young man.

His Bio is below. Thanks in advance.

Tony Fodden
Chair
Manitowoc Sustainability Committee

My name is Michael Pearson and I was raised in Manitowoc, WI most of my life. Growing up, my parents were both science teachers (biology professor and k-5 science), and nature enthusiasts. I started camping at 2 months and was helping my dad in the field by age 5. Our version of a family vacation was a cheap motel and breath-taking journey off the beaten-path in the North-woods of Wisconsin, the UP and Keweenaw Peninsulas, and just over the Canadian border. I excelled in math and science through middle school - winning best of show at the science fair, and attending Science World - a week-long summer camp in Northern WI - after 8th grade.

I moved to Chicago for college and while there volunteered for the Columbia College's Recycling program. My first semester there I also found out about Growing Power's branch down in Chicago - a nonprofit sustainable urban agriculture initiative run by Will Allen up in Milwaukee. I volunteered for a summer and helped out at their community garden in Garfield Park serving the South-side of Chicago.

When I moved back home, I served on UW Manitowoc's Student Senate for a semester as the activities director. The past two summers I have also helped out on regional CSAs. Over the past few years, I seem to be getting many lessons repeating the wisdom of the circle of life. And so I have decided to return to my roots and focus my energy on personally living a extreme-ecologically conscious lifestyle - and have turned this passion into a dedication to our community to help lead the way to more sustainable practices. My first project is a community garden - leading towards local, organic, and self-sufficient greenhouses. And I hope my second project to be collaborating with local businesses, the recycling center, and local artists to step up our recycling efforts and to begin an up-cycle establishment locally that finds creative solutions to the common landfill surpluses our entire consumer country is facing.

Thank you for your consideration to be on the Sustainability Committee. I am pleased to find a local group who shares my passions and look forward to making waves in sustainable habits!

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