



MINUTES

OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

Municipal Building 15 South College Ave. Oxford, Ohio 45056 First Floor Conference Room

WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 1, 2023 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Environmental Commission members in attendance at the Wednesday, November 1st 2023 meeting were: Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Chantel Raghu, Vice Chair and City Council Representative; Heather Barrett; Peggy Branstrator; and Anna Abey. A quorum was present.

Motion to approve the agenda: Ms. Raghu

2nd: Ms. Branstrator

Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes

1. October 4th, 2023 Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes

Motion: Ms. Barrett

2nd: Ms. Branstrator

Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

New Business

1. OEPA Recycling Grant

- Educational Campaign
- Event Recycling

The commissioners discussed a proposal for the Ohio Environmental Protection Agency Recycling Grant. The commissioners discussed the components of the educational campaign, including a FAQ page on the city website for recyclable materials and QR codes to promote the webpage. They discussed ways the waste station would be improved at events, if proposed materials by staff were satisfactory, and the need for feather flags to better advertise where the waste station is located.

2. OXtoberfest Waste Audit Results

Staff provided the results of the OXtoberfest Waste Audit. 13 bags were collected between 1-6pm and were sorted by volunteers.

The audit sorted waste into five categories:

- Landfill (film plastic, containers from nearby permanent restaurants, etc.)
- Recycling (anything accepted by Rumpke Recycling, excluding food containers used for the event)
- Food Scraps (any food scraps accepted by Go Zero composting services)
- Food Containers (any container or silverware used for food from the event, excluding beverage containers)
- DORA Cups

It took 4 volunteers 1 hour to sort the 13 bags. Below are the cumulative results:

Weight of waste sorted: 162.8 lbs

Estimated total waste generated from the event: ~575 lbs

Type	Weight (lbs)	Percent
Food Containers	83.0	51%
Landfill	40.2	25%
Recycling	20.4	13%
Dora Cups	12.2	7%
Food Scraps	7.0	4%
Total	162.8	

3. Member Updates:

- City Council
- Planning Commission
- Oxford Parking and Transportation Advisory Board

- Climate Action Steering Committee

Ms. Raghu shared that there have been public comments at City Council meetings about the tree ordinance and tree inventory waivers. The commission discussed who is involved in the decision to waive a tree inventory.

Mr. Ralinovsky shared that the Parking and Transportation Advisory Board is working on bike and pedestrian safety, particularly in the Locust St corridor and on Chestnut St.

4. Staff Updates

Staff provided the upcoming events in need of the waste station and the commission discussed who can volunteer

Adjournment

Commissioners adjourned at 7:51pm. The next Environmental Commission meeting will be December 6th, 2023 at 7pm at the courthouse.