



MINUTES
OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 15 SOUTH COLLEGE AVE. OXFORD, OHIO 45056
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, APRIL 3, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Commission members present were: Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Jason Bracken, Planning Commission Representative and City Council Member; Heather Barrett; Peggy Branstrator; Anna Abey
Staff Liason: Reena Murphy
Members of the public present: Jim Vinch, Alex Wolfe

Motion to approve the agenda: Ms. Barrett
2nd: Ms. Abbey
Vote: Unanimous

Approval of Minutes

1. Minutes from the March 6th, 2024 meeting
- Motion to approve: Ms. Branstrator
2nd: Ms. Barrett
Vote: Unanimous

Old Business

1. Zero Waste Events

The commissioners discussed the revised draft of a zero waste events policy for municipally hosted events, provided by Mr. Ralinovsky. The commission clarified that in the long term, they hope all events that require a ROW will be zero waste. However, the priority for this year is to focus on city-hosted events. This will allow the city to pilot and troubleshoot the logistics of zero waste event before requiring it of other event planners. There was a motion made to support moving forward with just municipal events for this year.

Motion: Mr. Ralinovsky

2nd: Mr. Bracken
Vote: Unanimous

New Business

1. Eclipse

Ms. Murphy provided an update on Eclipse weekend, including the volunteers needed to make Saturday's festival and Sunday's Space Race a Zero Waste Event.

2. Updates from Members:

- City Council
- Planning Commission
- OPTAB
- CASC

No updates from City Council, Planning, or OPTAB. Ms. Branstrator provided an update from CASC regarding the need for more education on the climate action plan.

3. Staff Updates

Staff provided the following updates:

- The City's Refuse and Recycling contract is up in 2024 and the Environmental Division has requested feedback on the drafted RFP before it is posted.
- Oxford received our annual Tree City USA designation
- Oxford is participating in Green Umbrella's Climate Action Fellowship and will be a host site for a fellow this summer.
- Staff is working with 513 Green from Hamilton County and a Miami class to promote sustainable business practices in Oxford.

Adjournment

Agenda items for next month's meeting: Goals for 2025 and budget proposals.

Motion to adjourn: Ms. Barrett
2nd: Mr. Bracken
Vote: Unanimous

The Environmental Commission adjourned at 7:40pm. The next meeting will be May 1st, 2024 at 7pm.