



MINUTES

OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING

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

WEDNESDAY, OCTOBER 2, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Members of the Environmental Commission present were: Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Chantel Raghu, Vice-Chair and City Council Representative; Peggy Branstrator; Anna Abey; Jim Vinch. A quorum was present.

The staff liaison present was Reena Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator.

Motion to approve the agenda: Ms. Abey

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the minutes from September 4th, 2024

Motion: Mr. Vinch

2nd: Ms. Abey

Vote: Unanimous approval

Old Business

New Business

1. Building Facade & Sustainability Grants

Staff shared a summary of the 2024 Building Facade & Sustainability Grant awards, administered through Economic Development. Six projects were approved for funding, totaling \$9,458.78 to local businesses to support sustainability upgrades and facade improvements.

Seth Cropaenbaker, Economic Development Specialist, requested ideas from the Environmental Commission regarding targeted actions for sustainability in future grant cycles. Seth proposed

ways to eliminate single-use plastics in restaurants, i.e. purchasing commercial dishwashers, reusable tableware, etc. The commission liked Seth's idea and contributed:

- containers for back-of-house recycling and composting
- bikes for food delivery services

2. 2024 Sustainability Goals YTD Update

Staff provided an update on the progress towards the 2024 Council Goals related to Sustainability. The attached PowerPoint provides more detailed updates.

The commission recommended adding Sharefest as a link on the Waste Free website updates. The commission also expressed interest in hosting a hazardous waste drop-off day in Oxford with Butler County.

3. Waste Station Events

- Farm and Flea, November 23rd, 9am-2pm
- Holiday Fest, December 7th, 4:30-8:30pm

Staff shared the attempts and challenges of recruiting volunteers to manage the waste stations at community events. The Environmental Commission members then discussed availability for Farm and Flea and Holiday Fest to manage the waste station.

4. Member Updates:

- City Council
- Planning Commission
- OPTAB
- OCASC

Ms. Raghu shared that City Council denied Clean Capitol's extension request for the option to lease the closed landfill.

Mr. Ralinovsky shared that OPTAB is hosting a public meeting on October 10th at 6pm at the Middle School to evaluate routes for the Northern Arc of the OATs.

Ms. Branstrator shared that OCASC is hosting an Electrification Fair on October 23rd at Kramer Elementary. Other activities include a Solar Open House on October 6th and hosting an EV Car Show at Hike-A-Thon.

There was no update for the Planning Commission.

5. Staff Updates

Staff shared that they are unavailable for the regular November meeting and recommended canceling.

Mr. Ralinovsky motioned to cancel the November meeting, and Ms. Raghu seconded. The vote was unanimous approval.

Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Branstator

2nd: Ms. Raghu

Vote: Unanimous approval.

The Environmental Commission adjourned at 8:10pm.