



MINUTES
OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING
MUNICIPAL BUILDING 15 SOUTH COLLEGE AVE. OXFORD, OHIO 45056
FIRST FLOOR CONFERENCE ROOM
WEDNESDAY, JUNE 5, 2024 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Environmental Commission members present were Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Jason Bracken, Planning Commission Representative and City Council Member; Heather Barrett; Peggy Branstrator; and Jim Vinch.

Staff Liason present: Reena Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator

Members of the public present: David Naibei, Climate Action Fellow

The Environmental Commission meeting began at 7:02 pm

Motion to approve the agenda: Ms. Barrett

2nd: Mr. Bracken

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes

1. Approval of the Minutes from the May 1st, 2024 Meeting

Motion: Ms. Barrett

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

Old Business

New Business

1. 2024 Goals Update

Staff provided a year-to-date progress update on the adopted sustainability goals for 2024. The attached PowerPoint provides detailed updates on each goal. The main topics of discussion for the commission were the Climate Pollution Reduction Grants (CPRG) through OKI and the

recycling and composting at events. The commission discussed the timeline for the CPRG notice and if there are indications of how competitive OKI's application is. In short, there are many unknowns related to the funding award but notice is expected late summer / early fall.

For the waste management at events, staff shared that preference for compostable materials has been incorporated to the vendor sign up form and that the waste stations should be arriving soon.

2. Member Updates

- City Council
- Planning Commission
- Oxford Parking and Transportation Board
- Climate Action Steering Committee

Mr. Bracken shared that City Council adopted a resolution supporting H.R. 5744, Energy and Innovation and Carbon Dividend Act. There were no updates from the other boards.

Ms. Branstrator provided an update on the pollinator garden and prairie. She shared that the pollinator garden is doing well, but that the prairie is struggling. She recommended the prairie location be reconsidered as a wildflower meadow.

3. Staff Updates

Staff Updates covered in the 2024 goal updates

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Bracken

2nd: Ms. Barrett

Vote: Unanimous approval

The Environmental Commission ended at 7:47pm.