



MINUTES OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

WEDNESDAY, FEBRUARY 5, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Members of the commission present: Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Chantel Raghu, Vice-Chair and City Council Representative; Jason Bracken, Planning Commission Representative and City Council Member; Peggy Branstrator; Anna Abey; Jim Vinch; Michael Vanni. There was a quorum present.

Staff member present: Reena Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator

Motion to approve the agenda: Mr. Bracken

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes

Motion to approve the minutes and work session summary: Ms. Branstrator

2nd: Mr. Bracken

Vote: Unanimous approval

1. Approval of the December 4th, 2024 Minutes
2. Approval of the December 19th, 2024 Worksession Summary

Old Business

New Business

1. Earth Day 2025 Proclamation

Staff shared the drafted proclamations for Earth Day. The Commission discussed the Earth Day Celebration Uptown on April 26th.

2. Arbor Day 2025 Proclamation

Staff shared the draft Arbor Day proclamation. The commission asked if the annual tree planting event will be occurring on Arbor Day or a different date. Staff was not able to confirm the date and will follow up with the commission.

Motion to approve both proclamations at the same time: Mr. Bracken

2nd: Mr. Vinch

Vote: Unanimous approval

3. Member Updates:

- City Council
- OPTAB
- OCASC
- Planning Commission

Mr. Bracken shared that City Council authorized a match for a grant application for energy efficiency upgrades across city facilities and solar installation at the Senior Center. He also shared that there has been a focus on code enforcement regarding snow removal.

OPTAB did not meet. OCASC's last meeting was the shared work session with the commission.

Mr. Bracken shared that Planning Commission is working on the unified development code update and shared his goal for environmental considerations to be included.

4. Staff Updates

- 2025 Goals and 2026 Areas to Research
- Recycle with the Redhawks on Feb 11

The commission discussed the 2025 Goals and 2026 research areas adopted by City Council. The 2025 goals provide a list of priorities for staff and commissions for the year. The 2026 areas to research are ideas and will require commission feedback and prioritization by June.

Staff shared more information about the Recycle with the Redhawks Basketball Game on February 11th, in collaboration with MU Sustainability, Rumpke, and Butler County Recycling. The city will be distributing recycling and composting bins at the game for City of Oxford residents. Staff provided sample bins for the commission to view and requested volunteers for extra assistance during the game.

Adjournment

Motion to adjourn: Mr. Vinch

2nd: Ms. Branstrator

Vote: Unanimous approval

The commission adjourned at 8:15pm