



MINUTES
OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

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

WEDNESDAY, AUGUST 6, 2025 AT 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda

Members present were: Jon Ralinovsky, Chantel Raghu, Jason Bracken, Peggy Branstrator, Jim Vinch, and Ken Vincent.

Staff present: Reena Murphy

Members of the public present: Kate Kozak, Green Umbrella Fellow

The meeting began at 7:03.

Motion to approve the agenda: Mr. Bracken

2nd: Ms. Branstrator

Vote: Unanimous approval

Approval of Minutes

1. June 4th Meeting Minutes

2. June 17th Meeting Minutes

3. Summary of the July 2nd 2025 Meeting

Motion to jointly approve both minutes and summary: Mr. Vinch

2nd: Mr. Bracken

Vote: Unanimous approval

Old Business

New Business

1. 2023 Greenhouse Gas Inventory (Reena Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator)

Reena presented the 2023 greenhouse gas inventory, conducted in partnership with PCFO. Slides are attached.

The commission briefly discussed the reporting requirements for the Global Covenant of Mayors and its nuances with clean energy purchasing.

2. Green Umbrella Climate Action Fellowship Presentation (Kate Kozak, Climate Action Fellow)

Kate presented the work that she and Oluwaseun have completed throughout their summer fellowship in Oxford. Slides are attached.

The commission discussed the importance of addressing stormwater and flooding in our community, as it related to the fellows research for a stormwater revenue fund. Mr. Vinch said he believes the most cost-effective way to address stormwater is to require buffer strips for construction near stream banks.

3. Member Updates:
City Council
OPTAB
Planning Commission
OCASC

City Council discussed Deer Management in a work session on August 5th.

OPTAB shared that they are working through the bike and pedestrian safety plan and that there will be an open house in the fall.

Planning commission shared that there is a zoning subcommittee that is actively exploring ways to advance our climate goals through zoning.

OCASC had the same presentation from the Fellows at their last meeting.

4. Staff Updates

No additional staff updates beyond the content of the presentations.

Adjournment

Motion: Ms. Raghu

2nd: Mr. Vincent

Vote: Unanimous approval.

The commission adjourned at 8:04pm.