



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA:**

December 3, 2025

College @ Elm Building, 3rd Floor

7:00 PM

Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Jason Bracken, Planning Commission Representative and City Council Member; Peggy Branstrator; Jim Vinch, City Council Representative; Michael Vanni; Ken Vincent

Reena Murphy

### **Approval of Agenda**

### **Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the November 5th 2026 Minutes

### **Old Business**

### **New Business**

1. Student Presentation: Recommended Changes to Oxford's Street Tree List
2. Appointment of Environmental Commission Chair and Vice Chair
3. Member Updates
  - City Council
  - OPTAB
  - Planning Commission
  - OCASC
4. Staff Updates

### **Adjournment**



**MINUTES**  
**OXFORD ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION REGULAR MEETING**  
Municipal Building 15 South College Ave. Oxford, Ohio 45056 First Floor Conference Room  
**WEDNESDAY, NOVEMBER 5, 2025 AT 7:00 PM**

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**Approval of Agenda**

Members present were: Jon Ralinovsky, Chair; Jason Bracken, Planning Commission Representative and City Council Member; Peggy Branstrator; Jim Vinch; Michael Vanni; Ken Vincent

Staff present was Reena Murphy, Sustainability Coordinator.

Members of the public present was Aidan Cornue with Oxford Free Press.

The meeting began at 7:02pm. Approval of the agenda: Mr. Bracken  
2nd: Ms. Branstrator  
Vote: Unanimous approval

**Approval of Minutes**

1. Approval of the September 3rd, 2025 Minutes

Motion: Ms. Branstrator  
2nd: Mr. Vinch  
Vote: Unanimous approval

**Old Business**

**New Business**

1. WWTP Solar Project

Staff provided an update on the Wastewater Treatment Plant (WWTP) Solar Project. The city is interested in owning a 1 MW-AC system at the WWTP. Staff shared that the plant was selected because it is the highest electricity user in the City's building portfolio. The City is pursuing a 1

MW-AC system because it optimizes the City's potential to receive direct pay for the project.

Oxford has an RFP open for the WWTP that closes on November 14th 2025 at 11am

## 2. Deer Management Program

Staff provided the following updates regarding the deer management program. The commission had questions regarding the difference between the bow hunting program vs professional population control, which are addressed below.

### Bow hunting

- Administration of the bow hunting program has moved from the Service Department to the City Manager's office
- In session 2 of the bow hunting program, Oxford included 15 new hunters and 11 returning hunters, 6 of whom are Oxford or Oxford township residents.
- We've added 4 new bow hunting locations.
- Sessions 2 and 3 have been shortened to ensure there is no overlap between bow hunting and professional population control.

### Professional population control

- White Buffalo, a nationally recognized leader in humane and professional urban deer population control, has been contracted.
- White buffalo will conduct a population survey in December and will return in early January for population reduction.

## 3. Tree List Revisions

This semester, Staff has solicited a class project to make recommendations for updating Oxford's Tree List. Staff have met with the students and shared the student-created slides with the commission. The students will present their final recommendations to the commission at the December meeting.

Feedback from the commission included skepticism of the inclusion of Osage orange on the small tree list. Additionally, Mr. Vanni requested red bud be considered for addition to the list. Mr. Vincent shared that the students should consider roots in their recommendations, especially if there are some species that tend to push up sidewalks.

Outside the scope of the project but related to urban forestry, Mr. Vincent recommended Oxford consider providing homeowners with a small subsidy to remove and replace callery pears on their properties.

## 4. Member Updates

- City Council
- Planning Commisison
- Climate Action Steering Committee
- OPTAB

No updates from City Council, Planning Commission, or OCASC. Mr. Ralinovsky shared that OPTAB has a bike and pedestrian safety plan bike ride upcoming. Mr. Ralinovsky also shared that he will be stepping down from Environmental Commission and that the December meeting will be his last. The commission and staff thanked Mr. Ralinovsky for his service to the Community.

#### 5. Staff Updates

- Memo from Environmental Services
- Recycling Expansion
- Class Project Presentations:
  - EC December 3rd, 7pm
  - Recreation Board December 8th, noon
- CCEC Audit Trainings

Staff provided a memo from the Environmental Services Division, which included details on urban forestry, landfill flares, and food scraps.

Staff shared that we are moving forward with the recycling requirement for multi-family properties and an ordinance is being drafted. Similarly, an ordinance is being drafted for consolidating toters into a dumpster for buildings with more than 5 units.

Lastly, staff requested a volunteer for CCEC audit training.

### **Adjournment**

Motion: Mr. Vincent

2nd: Mr. Vanni

Vote: Unanimous approval

The meeting adjourned at 7:47pm