



Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday, October 4, 2022
6:00 p.m.

The Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 6:00pm by Mr. Bonacci.

ROLL CALL: Shantanu Pahi, Lyn Tansing, Virginia Schmidt, Chuck Bonacci, Crystal Davis, Sandra Banes

ABSENT: James Shafer and Peter Flauto

ALSO PRESENT: Daisy Walker, City Council Member

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: September 6, 2022 meeting

Ms. Davis motioned to approve minutes as submitted for September 6, 2022 meeting.
Ms. Banes seconded the Motion.
Upon roll call, the Motion was passed unanimously.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None Presented.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:

Goals for Environmental Commission:

- Discussed the event coming up in November. Lyn Tansing has organized and scheduled this event at the Twinsburg Library. There will be a science teacher from the school district who will be giving a presentation on water usage. Mr. Bonacci stated that he will be doing a presentation on the City's recycling program.
- Members discussed the budget for this promotional event for our residents. And the City's support of this event. The committee was given promotional items to distribute to residents, this includes Arboretum informational handouts, water usage, etc. It was suggested that the committee give items of more substance, such as a magnet that would have recycling information on it.
- Members discussed the possibility of using the marquee in front of City Hall to share information with residents.
- Members discussed the focus of the commission being community driven events, including Earth Day, waste mitigation recycling, document shredding, City cleanups and various presentations.



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- A member discussed liking this type of upcoming event because it allows residents to learn something specific.
- Ms. Walker discussed ideas for fundraising (selling sunflowers) and community awareness.
- Members talked over ways to promote native planting and wildlife. Additional research is needed to find plants that will attract pollination.
- A commission member discussed the idea of education while we do beautification. She also discussed ideas from the JEDI committee to have a QR code to lead residents to resources on the internet.
- Members talked about environmental classes and clubs at the high school and how to incentivize participation.
- Mr. Bonacci was informed that he should submit a budget. It was suggested that he list the all items being discussed and submit this to Council.
- Ideas to be submitted for budget consideration include continuing with all previous programs, and adding back the Earth Day Celebration. Also, Poetry Wall and Art Wall.
- Mr. Bonacci discussed hazardous and e-waste events to assist residents. He also stated he would like to add composting elements and food waste and discussed detailed options.
- Commission members discussed how to increase involvement from youth in our area as environmental ambassadors.
- Members considered ways and possibilities for residents to use the wood chips from the branch chipping service provided by the Service Department.
- Continued conversation about the upcoming event at the Library. Information will be sent via e-blast, press releases, posters, give-a-ways, meaningful items to send with residents, and social media advertising. Members also discussed sharing additional opportunities to reduce waste.
- Members discussed how important this working meeting is to move forward with action to achieve goals that were discussed.

Including:

1. Compost subscription service, having a possible raffle.
2. Branch chipping mulch pickup for residents.
3. Partnership with youth and incentivizing participation
4. Earth Day Celebration event
5. November 9th event. Chuck and Cynthia's presentations and Lyn needs help securing more giveaways.
6. Budget submittal and members are to send requests to Chuck. He will send to larger group.
7. Briefly mentioned the reusable bags and exploration into whether there are more and how to get more. The reusable bag and/or QR code(s) will replace current materials. This will be a link to all pertinent information for residents.
8. Members discussed sunflowers and looking into if this is viable.



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- Members discussed and finalized details for the November 9th event.
- Mr. Bonacci discussed the option for residents to rent an additional recycle or garbage bin from Waste Management.

COUNCIL REPORT: Ms. Walker discussed Waste Management and their use of warning stickers on recycle bins. She will share with the Mayor items discussed at this meeting.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS:

- A member reviewed the solid waste process at our treatment plant.
- A member shared an upcoming activity- October 18th Clean Water Act 50th anniversary event.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Chuck Bonacci motioned to excuse absent members James Shafer and Peter Flauto.

The Motion was seconded.

Upon roll call, The Motion was passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 7, 2023 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:39pm.