



Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday – September 5, 2023
7:00 p.m.

The Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Virginia Schmidt.

ROLL CALL: Present: Lyn Tansing, Jonah Pichette, Sue Metzel, Michael Walton, Shantanu Pahi, Virginia Schmidt, Sandra Banes, Daisy Walker, Council Rep.
Absent: Chuck Bonacci

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: May 4, 2023 meeting minutes

May 4, 2023 Minutes were not approved, pending clarification on Ms. Walker's comments on the Water Ordinance.

Motion to table approval was seconded.

Motion unanimously passed.

PRESENTATIONS: Michael Turle presented a Tree Farm proposal. He shared a history of his family's farm and a plan to plant saplings and he discussed transplanting the trees in the City.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None Presented.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:

- Lyn Tansing discussed the Environmental Facebook page. She also discussed the Twinsburg Talk Facebook page environmental posts with positive comments and questions from residents.
- Mr. Pichette discussed the Summit County Metro Parks Fall Hiking Spree. This is a more challenging hike than the spring hike. This is free for residents of Summit County. Non-Summit County residents pay \$10 for the walking stick and \$5.00 for the shield. Mr. Pichette also discussed his experience touring the Waste Water Treatment Plant. There was lots of information provided on the tour, including how flushable wipes are not flushable and chemicals can affect the water balance and treatment. Jonah also shared the recognition program for residents. The Mayor will be discussing this program with the Law Director and the idea can be expanded on in the future. Members discussed this program and solidifying it over upcoming meetings.
- Members discussed possible incentives for residents to eliminate gas mowers.
- On October 22nd Chuck Bonacci, THS Science teacher and the Twinsburg Garden Club will be hosting a Recycling Program at the Twinsburg Library. More information will be coming.



- Sue Metzel shared information about solar panels and the effects of a plant rich diet can reduce climate impact. She also discussed native planting and encouraging this for residents. She also discussed environmental information from the Sierra Club.
- Sandra Banes discussed the residents' award program and how we can include gardens and use of native plants.
- Members discussed the possibility of scheduling additional meetings so that the Commission can accomplish more. Members would like to have nine meetings in 2024. Ms. Walker will discuss this possibility with the Mayor.
- Members discussed upcoming public meetings for the City's Zoning Code, October 4th.
- Michael Walton discussed the E-recycle event at the Library on September 23rd. He also discussed sharing Reworks Recycling hazardous waste material information with residents.
- Tinkers Creek rain barrel work shop was discussed.
- Members discussed having identifying name tags to wear at community events.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Ms. Walker discussed her pleasure working with this Commission and offered her complete support.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS: None presented.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Motioned presented to excuse Chuck Bonacci.

Motion was seconded.

Motion passed unanimously.

NEXT MEETING DATE: October 3, 2023 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 8:00pm.