



**Environmental Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday – April 2, 2024**  
**7:00 p.m.**

The Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Jonah Pichette

**ROLL CALL:** Present: Gina Hutter Michael Walton, Jonah Pichette, Virginia Schmidt, John McArthur  
Also Present: Patrick Jeffers, Assistant Director of Engineering and Karen Labbe, Council Representative

**Swear in New Members:** Ms. Labbe swore in new members: Gina Hutter and John McArthur.

**Appoint Chairperson:**

Ms. Schmidt nominated Jonah Pichette for Chairperson.  
No other nominations presented.

**Mr. Pichette motioned to appoint himself as Chairperson for the Environmental Commission.**  
**Mr. Walton seconded the Motion.**  
**Motion unanimously passed.**

**Appoint Vice Chairperson:**

Mr. Pichette nominated Virginia Schmidt for Vice Chairperson.  
No other nominations presented.

**Mr. Pichette motioned to appoint Virginia Schmidt as Vice Chairperson for the Environmental Commission.**  
**Ms. Hutter seconded the Motion.**  
**Motion unanimously passed.**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

**Mr. Pichette motioned to approved March 5, 2024 minutes as submitted.**  
**Mr. Walton seconded the Motion.**  
**Motion unanimously passed.**  
**New members abstained from this vote.**



**PRESENTATIONS:** None presented.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None presented.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:**

- All members shared their backgrounds, community involvement and interests as an introduction to new Commission members.
- Mr. Walton did not have a report to share.
- Mr. Pichette reported The Earth Day event is scheduled for April 20, 2024 at Liberty Park – 10:00am to 2:00pm. He discussed partnering with the THS Environmental Club and encouraged Commission members to attend.  
The Twinsburg Library is hosting an E-Waste recycle event on April 20, 2024 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.  
On April 26<sup>th</sup> the Parks and Recreation Department is hosting an Arbor Day event from 5:30pm to 7:00pm at Liberty Park. This event is in partnership with Tinkers Creek Watershed. The Environmental Commission is invited to participate.  
Mr. Pichette shared the Shredding Day event is June 1, 2024 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.  
The Waste Management new recycling facility tour in Oakwood will be scheduled for April 18<sup>th</sup> at 2:00pm.  
The Waste Water Treatment Plant tour is scheduled for August 7<sup>th</sup> at 9:00am.  
Mr. Pichette discussed the Ward and Park cleanups. He discussed collaborating with the Parks and Recreation Commission for a larger park cleanup or whole City cleanup.
- Ms. Schmidt shared the Garden Club plant sale is May 11<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am to 12:00pm at the Historical Society Barn.

**COUNCIL REPORT:**

- Ms. Labbe did not have a report at this time. She did ask if there is anything the Commission would need to know from City Council. Members discussed the importance of communication with Council.



**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

Shopping Bag Waste Reduction Proposal

- Council has requested the Environmental Commission do an informal poll at the Earth Day event before the Commission makes a recommendation to Council.
- This proposal continues to be tabled for further discussion and action.

**NEW BUSINESS:** None Presented.

**MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS:**

- Councilman Chuck Bonacci shared the City's partnership with NOPEC to provide energy efficient LED lights for the Twinsburg Fitness Center. This project is funded by a grant.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

**Mr. Pichette motioned to excuse absent members: Sue Metzler and Shantanu Pahi.  
Mr. McArthur seconded the Motion.  
Motion unanimously passed.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** May 7, 2024 at 7:00pm.

**ADJOURNMENT:**

**Mr. Pichette motioned to adjourn the meeting.  
Ms. Hutter seconded the Motion.  
Motion unanimously passed.  
Meeting adjourned at 7:33pm.**