



Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday –May 7, 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, Sue Metzel, Shantanu Pahi.
Also Present: Patrick Jeffers, Assistant Director of Engineering and Karen Labbe,
Council Representative

SWEAR IN NEW MEMBERS: Ms. Labbe swore in member(s): Shantanu Pahi

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pichette motioned to approved April 2, 2024 minutes as submitted.
Ms. Hutter seconded the Motion.
Motion unanimously passed.

PRESENTATIONS: None Presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: Mitch Edgecomb stated he is working with local businesses and would like to present them with zero waste information and see if there is interest in participating.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:

- Mr. Walton did not have a report to share.
- Ms. Hutter did not have a report to share.
- Ms. Metzel shared the Giant Eagle is passing out reusable cloth bags at no cost. No date is available at this time. She also shared a book that is a good resource for tree planting and pruning.
- Mr. Pahi shared Reworks and Cuyahoga Falls Solid Waste District hazardous waste and recycling day information (dates and times).



- Mr. Pichette reported The Earth Day event was a great event. He discussed how to make this event better and more meaningful. He suggested adding to the event a coordination with what is done in the City. A member suggested and presented was to do more advertising. Another member suggested to have giveaways to draw a crowd. The event could be shortened in duration, four hours may be too long. Members discussed how to attract younger attendees with various activities specific to elementary aged children.
On April 26th the Parks and Recreation Department hosted an Arbor Day event. This event was well attended.
Mr. Pichette shared the Shredding Day event is June 8, 2024 from 9:00am to 12:00pm.
The Waste Water Treatment Plant tour is scheduled for August 7th at 9:00am.
- Mr. Jeffers shared information regarding his visit to the recycling plant.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Ms. Labbe did not have a report at this time.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Shopping Bag Waste Reduction Proposal

- Members discussed their thoughts on this proposal. Mr. Pahi proposed that this be deferred to Summit County. Mr. Walton stated he agrees with Mr. Pahi and he feels this needs to be done on a larger scale. Ms. Metzler agreed with the other Commission members. Mr. Pichette discussed that he talked to residents at recent events and stated they generally are not in favor of this proposal. It is agreed that should be referred to Summit County. Ms. Labbe will research this further.

Mr. Pichette motioned to formally recommend to City Council to encourage the Summit County Government to investigate the successes or failures of other plastic bags bans and implement if necessary.

Mr. Walton seconded the Motion.

Motion unanimously passed.



NEW BUSINESS: None Presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: Members discussed possible participation in upcoming summer events.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

Mr. Pichette motioned to excuse absent member(s): Virginia Schmidt and John McArthur.

Ms. Metzel seconded the Motion.

Motion unanimously passed.

NEXT MEETING DATE: September 3, 2024 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

Mr. Pichette motioned to adjourn the meeting.

Motion unanimously passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:47pm.