



Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday –October 1, 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, Virginia Schmidt, Shantanu Pahi
Also Present: Chuck Bonacci - Council Representative, Patrick Jeffers – Engineering Department

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Mr. Pichette motioned to approved September 3, 2024 minutes as submitted.
Ms. Metzel seconded the Motion.
Motion unanimously passed.

PRESENTATIONS: None Presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None Presented.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:

- Ms. Metzel discussed the poster contest, providing materials, suggesting slogans, and issuing prizes for the posters. Mr. Pichette will reach out to Twinsburg School's teachers to help and participate. Members discussed details and how to involve community members.
- Ms. Hutter discussed working with the Service Department and suggesting increasing the planting of perennial flowers in the City to include pollinator flowers and milk weed. Mr. Jeffers will contact the Service Department.
- Mr. Walton did not have a report to share.
- Ms. Schmidt also discussed the poster contest and suggests additional ideas, including using graphics.
- Mr. Pahi did not have a report to share.
- Mr. Pichette discussed his ideas for **short term goals:** including 1) continuing with the committee's participation in annual events and activities: Earth Day events and Shred Day. He discussed how to share with the community, videos to be posted on Social Media. He discussed combining Arbor Day and Earth Day events with the Parks and Recreation Department. 2) He also discussed acquiring t-shirts to wear when they are participating in



community activities to increase awareness. Mr. Pichette will get 2-3 potential designs to present at the next meeting. 3) Updating the webpage, mirroring the JEDI's web page. Mr. Pichette discussed possible **long terms goals** – 1) increase the involvement of the community, 2) recognize a resident as “good neighbor award”. Members discussed details of how to move forward with these goals.

- Mr. Jeffers shared clean water information that can be shared with the community.

COUNCIL REPORT:

- Mr. Bonacci shared there are two departments that have requested electric vehicles for purchase. He also discussed changes to the zoning codes and its effects the environment.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None presented.

NEW BUSINESS: None presented.

MISCELLANEOUS BUSINESS: None presented.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

**Mr. Pichette motioned to excuse absent member, John McArthur from the meeting.
Ms. Metzler seconded the Motion.
Motion unanimously passed.**

NEXT MEETING DATE: February 4, 2025 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT:

**Mr. Pichette motioned to adjourn the meeting.
Ms. Hutter seconded the Motion.
Motion unanimously passed.
Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.**