



Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday, February 7, 2023
7:00 p.m.

The Environmental Commission meeting was called to order at 7:00pm by Mr. Bonacci.

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

ABSENT: James Shafer

ALSO PRESENT: No council representative present.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: October 4, 2022 meeting

**Mr. Bonacci motioned to approve minutes as submitted for October 4, 2022 meeting.
No objections were presented and the Motion was passed unanimously.**

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None Presented.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:

- Ms. Schmidt reported on the educational level for recycling and environmental issues and getting the word out to residents. She discussed with members the possibility of using Social Media, using a separate group on Facebook and call it Twinsburg Environmental. Someone would need to be administrator of this page. This page could include upcoming events, issues that arise and commentary and educational opportunities for the public.
- Mr. Bonacci stated that there is currently a social media platform-*Twinsburg Environmental* with 89 followers.
- Mr. Flauto discussed the Social Media idea, creating awareness and change. He also discussed using Instagram and Twitter to increase the commission's presence.
- A member discussed E-waste. Mr. Bonacci stated that Simone from Public Works is communicating with Summit ReWorks to get the City on their calendar.
- Mr. Bonacci discussed the *Together Twinsburg* platform used by the City to share ideas for projects and events. It might be a dialog platform that Environmental Commission could use with the City's approval to share information. It could be difficult to generate a following.
- Ms. Banes discussed a family in Twinsburg who chooses not to have a recycle bin.



- Mr. Pahi discussed recycling, how to get our younger residents involved. He discussed the use of Tik Tok as a social media option.
- Mr. Pahi also discussed food composting. There is a place called Quasar, he is going to be visiting to see how they recycle and deal with food composting.
- Members discussed Rubber City Reuse and a future meeting with Mayor and this company to discuss the possible use of this for the City.
- Members talked about the Electric Vehicle charging stations. The grant that made the stations possible changed and cost of maintaining the stations escalated which became prohibitive. The Economic Development Director is meeting with the advocates for EV to come up with a viable option for the City. The charging stations are presently not in use.
- Mr. Bonacci discussed Metro Parks Earth Day. There is programming underway and Metro Parks is working with the school district. The theme is “wild backyards”. He is waiting for partnership approval to include our recycling program, Garden Club, etc.
- Shredding event details to be forthcoming.
- Members also discussed the possibility of having a speaker to share information on solar panels.

COUNCIL REPORT: Ms. Walker is absent, no Council report presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS: None presented.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:

**A motion was presented to excuse absent member(s).
The Motion was seconded.
Upon roll call, the Motion was passed unanimously.**

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

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:25pm.