



**Environmental Commission Minutes**  
**Tuesday – May 2, 2023**  
**7:00 p.m.**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Lyn Tansing, Jonah Pichette, Chuck Bonacci, Sue Metzler, Michael Walton, Shantanu Pahi, Daisy Walker, Council Rep.

Absent: Virginia Schmidt, Sandra Baner

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** April 4, 2023 meeting minutes

**Mr. Bonacci motioned to approve minutes for April 4, 2023 meeting as submitted.**

**Motion was seconded.**

**Motion unanimously passed.**

**PRESENTATIONS:** None Presented.

**AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION:** None Presented.

**COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:**

- Mr. Bonacci discussed that there was an “awesome” turn for the Earth Day celebration, considering the weather was not good, it was rainy and cold. The volunteers provided a multitude of learning and hands on activities for the attendees.
- Members discussed the rain barrel program and how we can bring this back to residents. Follow-up will continue.
- Document shredding event is scheduled for Saturday, June 24<sup>th</sup> at Public Works department.
- A tentative tour of the Waste Water plant is scheduled for June 28<sup>th</sup> for Commissioners.
- Mr. Walton discussed the E-waste event. He also discussed the Garden Club’s spotlight garden, including residents who plant native plants, and use sustainable materials in their gardens.
- May 13<sup>th</sup> is the Garden Club plant sale at the Historical Society.
- Lyn Tansing discussed her participation at the E-waste event. She also discussed her HOA is destroying Canadian geese eggs. There is supposedly a humane removal of the actual geese, but she feels that destroying the eggs is cruel. Ms. Walker discussed that it is illegal for anyone to remove or kill the geese.



- Mr. Bonacci suggested involving the Ohio Department of Natural Resources. This is beyond the City’s enforcement realm and ODNR wildlife officers should be involved.
- Mr. Pahi discussed his visit to Quasar, bio-solids, food waste, grease waste, farm use, etc. He distributed handouts to commissioners. He is researching this option for small businesses.
- Ms. Metzler discussed the Waste Management information on the City’s website. She talked about the Earth911.com website and Summit County Reworks services along with a Time magazine article highlighting some of the great things people were doing in the area and renewable energy such as solar and wind energy
- Mr. Pichette discussed Summit Metro Parks hiking events, sharing flyers. He also talked about the Earth Day event.
- Mr. Pichette discussed how the Environmental Commission should have awards for residents and businesses. These can be presented at an Environmental Commission meeting to increase awareness of the commission, share things residents and business are doing to increase sustainability and be environmentally conscious. Awards will also promote the idea of “being better” in regards to the environment. In the first year he suggests: the good neighbor award, a friend of the Commission award, a student of the future award, a good business award.
- Members discussed the Sunshine Law, moving forward with ideas presented by Mr. Pichette. Ms. Walker and Mr. Bonacci will take this information to Mayor Scaffide and share information with the Commission.
- Ms. Walker discussed previous lawn watering concerns. She spoke with the Mayor who confirmed that there are no ordinances regulating lawn watering.

**COUNCIL REPORT:** None presented.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS:** None presented.

**EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS:**

- **Motioned presented to excuse absent members.**
- **Motion was seconded.**
- **Motion passed unanimously.**

**NEXT MEETING DATE:** September 5, 2023 at 7:00pm.  
Additional meeting may be scheduled in June, 2023.



**ADJOURNMENT:** Meeting adjourned at 8:14pm.