



Royal Oak

ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY BOARD

AGENDA

Environmental Advisory Board

January 22, 2020 at 7:00pm

Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center

3500 Marias Avenue, Royal Oak, MI 48073

Members Present: J. Acevedo, S. Douglas, A. Filipski, W. Gontina, C. Hartwig, A. Herzog, P. Lemme, K. Long, J. Lyons-Bricker, A. McMahon, T. Purrenhage, G. Rassel, T. Regan

Members Absent: K. Pierson

Public: Ann Bueche, Dave Graw, Patricia Kerr, Andrew Sarpolis, Paul Vial, Caleb Westholder

1. Election of 2020 Officers:

- Amanda Herzog – Chair (T. Regan nominates; Second S. Douglas)
- Ken Long - Vice Chair – (T. Regan nominates; Second C. Hartwig)
- Amanda McMahon - Secretary (P. Lemme nominates; Second W. Gontina)

2. Approval of October 2019 Minutes – Motion to approve – C. Hartwig; Second: K. Long

3. Greg Rassel/Aaron Filipski Report:

- Recycling Grant – SOCCRA – auditors to go through bins and let people know what is wrong in the bin. Let us know where SOCCRA could focus educational energy.
- Recycle Raccoon will have a campaign for SOCCRA communities.
- Oakland County BiCentennial – 18 inch oak trees. County giving away

4. Greg Rassel's Retirement - Thank You!! #Gregxit

5. City Commissioner Report – S. Douglas: Waiting on new city manager before moving forward with the Storm Water Ordinance. City of Royal Oak received 114 applicants for city manager.

6. Public Comment- Andrew Sarpolis and Paul Vial – Climate Action Process Dave Graw & Ann Bueche - Concerned about changing tree line would like to be involved.

7. Updates/Discussion:

- Earth Day 2020 – 50th anniversary
 - 50th Anniversary
 - Saturday April 25, 2020 – Green Team will participate
- Determine Recycling Event Date – May 30, 2020

- Sustainability Plan (J. Lyons-Bricker) – Overview LEED for city sent in for preview. Julie Working on Energy plan put in place last March 2019. Discussing Royal Oak Environmental Plan with Commissioner DuBuc. Julie is asking what the city wanted by an “environmental plan,” does it mean climate plan and/or sustainability plan.
- Climate Review (J. Acevedo) – Ideas: 1. City of Royal Oak declaring a climate emergency. 2. Solar Initiative that Ann Arbor and Ypsilanti joined. Will Royal Oak mayor join? 3. The Mayors for Solar Power. Oakland County Commissioners move forward on submitting (Dec 12, 2019) Climate Emergency approved (13 yes 5 no).
- Royal Oak Tree Canopy (Ann Bueche) – Celebrate the tree canopy on Earth Day.
- Demolition Asbestos/Lead (Tom/Nicholas) – tabled
- RO 100 Year Anniversary 2021 (Kevin) – tabled

8. Important Dates:

- Recycling Demystified, March 1st at 2P, RO Library
- St. Patrick’s Day Parade – March 14, 2020
- Residential Stormwater Project, March 15th at 2P, RO Library
- Timing is Everything: Bees, Plants & Climate Change, March 22 at 2P, RO Library
- Reduce Energy Consumption & Save Money, March 29 at 2P, RO Library
- 4th Annual Earth Day Event, April 25 from 9a-1p

9. Next Meeting: February 26, 2020

9pm - Motion to adjourn – C. Hartwig; Second – W. Gontina.