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Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, June 7, 2018 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Building

7700 Southern Avenue

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Joe Skelley
Jimmy Davis
Urania Erskine
Linda Kaplan
Francoise Mireles
Scott Schoefernacker
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

Staff:

Andrew Sanders
Kathy Cross

Absent:

Kevin Haley
Alderman Dean Massey
Bo Mills
Joe Nunes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:02 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the May meeting were approved.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS

We had no guests.

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:

Commission members voted in favor of meeting as scheduled on July 5th after the July 4th Holiday unless there is not a quorum.

ALDERMAN LIAISON REPORT:



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STAFF REPORTS:

Andrew Sanders

- New format of Environmental Commission Meeting Minutes going forward
- Water treatment plants' software is being updated with the SCADA system starting June 11
- Well #6 was successfully treated by Layne Central and is back in production
- Contractor is wrapping up the Sewer Lateral Lining Program
- Milling and Paving Program for Fiscal Year 2018 is wrapping up and Fiscal Year 2019 is ramping up
- Joe Nunes update:
 - Recycle volume down this month due to processing facility being closed for 2 days and down 7% for the year; Launching recycling marketing campaign later this year
 - Revised numbers for electronics collected on April's Amnesty Day – 9.56 tons collected and cost is down due to a new processor as well.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

Susan Threlkeld

- Treehuggers.com article comparing difference between frugality and penny pinching

Urania Erskine

- Sprouts Market now offers paper plates made from wheat straw
- Facebook post about Waste Pro providing a garbage truck for a boy's birthday
- Article in newspaper about recycling and how much landfill space we have left

Linda Kaplan

- No Report

Scott Schoefernacker

- No Report

Jimmy Davis

- Chemical & Engineering News graphic concerning how plastic is recycled and the percentage of plastic that gets recycled.

Francoise Mireles

- Revolution Bicycle in midtown is interested in partnering for Amnesty Day in September to collect bicycles to recycle; Habitat for Humanity has been difficult to contact.
- Article in the Wall Street Journal about the process of selling recyclables



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Jayu Wagh

- Positive News Magazine article about using wildflower margins to support insects to reduce pest numbers in crops, increase yields and reduce the need for pesticides.

Andy Foster

- Federal Express Eco Demonstrator Aircraft; YouTube has videos of demonstration.
- Purchased "Eco Slacks" made of recycled plastic milk bottles at J.C. Penney.

OLD BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

Germantown Charity Horse Show is taking place this week.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.