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Environmental Commission Meeting

Thursday, May 9, 2019 – 6:00 p.m.

Public Works Building

7700 Southern Avenue

MINUTES

Present:

Chairman Joe Skelley
Urania Erskine
Andy Foster
Alderman Rocky Janda
Paul Mosteller
Scott Schoefernacker
Susan Threlkeld
Jayu Wagh

Staff:

Kathy Cross
Andy Sanders

Absent:

Jimmy Davis
Linda Kaplan
Bo Mills
Francoise Mireles
Joe Nunes

CALL TO ORDER:

Chairman Skelley called the meeting to order at 6:01 p.m.

ESTABLISHMENT OF QUORUM:

A quorum for the Environmental Commission meeting was established.

INTRODUCTION OF GUESTS:

Richard Marsh

CONSIDERATION OF MINUTES:

The minutes of the March meeting were approved.

COMMENTS BY CHAIRMAN:



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ALDERMAN LIAISON REPORT:

Alderman Rocky Janda:

Amnesty Day was a success! We seemed to be shorthanded and traffic got backed up into Johnson Road at Johnson Road Park. Residents were sharing how thankful they were for the event. We might possibly look at different locations.

STAFF REPORTS:

Andy Sanders:

- Public Works week is May 19 – 25. The annual cookout will be on May 22nd around noon. On May 23rd, we will celebrate the Public Works staff the whole day. We will still respond to work requests but will have fun events throughout the day. We have ordered t-shirts for everyone to wear for the day. We are hoping to make this an annual celebration for our staff.
- There will be an after action report done following Amnesty Day to discuss ways it was a success and how it can be improved.
- We are finishing up this fiscal year strong. Our paving contract looks as though it will finish ahead of schedule; the roads look good and our contractor has done well with only a few minor issues to be addressed.
- Three wells and a high service pump at Johnson Road have been pulled for repairs.

COMMISSION MEMBER REPORTS:

Andy Foster:

Nothing to report.

Scott Schoefemacker:

A new report has been issued from the Environmental Working Group in Northeastern University regarding PFAS Chemicals in drinking water. Contaminated sites, Military Bases and other areas were plotted and it was found that forty-three states are known to be impacted by these chemicals that can cause cancer, birth defects, infertility and other illnesses. An estimated 19 million people are exposed to contaminated drinking water and at least 610 contaminated locations ranging from public water systems, military bases, civilian airports, industrial plants, dumps and firefighter training sites.

Jayu Wagh:

During a recent trip to Central Europe, both bottle and paper recycle receptacles were observed on the public walkways. A lot of public restrooms have gone back to a cloth dispenser in restrooms to dry hands as well to save paper.

Susan Threlkeld:



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- New rubber bands available online to go around the top of garbage cans is labeled "environmentally friendly". The use of the rubber bands enables more trash to be placed in the can saving on the number of bags used. The bands are made of 2-5% recycled rubber and their packaging is labeled biodegradable in 7-10 days.
- Director Mills is speaking at the Kiwanis Meeting on May 16th at 7 am. Everyone is invited to come.

Richard Marsh:

The Planning Commission briefly touched on the Water Tower and its specific needs. The Commission also discussed the challenging economics of recycling programs. The 2015 International Fire Code Standards were adopted which included changes to lengths of cul-de-sacs to accommodate fire apparatus access effectively.

Urania Erskine:

Nothing to report.

Paul Mosteller:

Mr. Mosteller, along with Alderman Janda and Vice Mayor Gibson, attended the Bodine School's event revealing three new water bottle filling stations. The 6th graders designed a full size arcade game, sold it for \$4,600 and then purchased the filling stations. They now can refill their water bottles or use reusable cups to save on waste.

OLD BUSINESS

No old business.

NEW BUSINESS

No new business.

ADJOURNMENT:

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 7:05 p.m.



Joe Skelley, Commission Chairman

