



**Environmental Commission Minutes
Tuesday - April 4, 2023
7:00 p.m.**

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

ROLL CALL: Lyn Tansing, Virginia Schmidt, Jonah Pichette, Chuck Bonacci,
Sue Metzler, Shantanu Pahi, Sandra Banes, Michael Walton
Daisy Walker, Council Rep.

OATH OF OFFICE: Ms. Walker performed the Oath of Office for new members.

APPOINT CHAIRPERSON: Chuck Bonacci was nominated and unanimously appointed
Commission Chairperson

APPOINT VICE-CHAIRPERSON: Virginia Schmidt was nominated and unanimously appointed
Commission Vice-Chairperson

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: February 7, 2023 meeting minutes

Mr. Bonacci motioned to approve minutes for February 7, 2023 meeting as amended.

Amended as follows:

Facebook page – There is a Facebook page and Virginia and Chuck are the Administrators of that page. This Facebook page is used for upcoming events that arise. This amendment clarifies the Facebook page already exists.

No objections were presented and the Motion to approve minutes as amended was passed unanimously.

PRESENTATIONS: None Presented.

AUDIENCE PARTICIPATION: None Presented.

COMMISSIONERS REPORTS and DISCUSSIONS:

- Ms. Banes presented the possibility of a City Ordinance for lawn watering. Members discussed this possibility, how it will be presented to Council, and additional thoughts and aspects to move forward with this suggestion. Ms. Walker will investigate other communities having a similar ordinance.



- Mr. Pahi stated that he was unable to visit Quasar (food composting facility). He will be visiting Quasar this month and share information with the Committee at the next meeting.
- Members discussed the City's rain collection barrel ordinance, educational opportunities for residents and future programs.
- Lyn Tansing discussed the Cleveland Water brochure. She also shared the Twinsburg Library is hosting an E-waste recycling day on Saturday, April 22, 2023 at 10:00am. This information is posted on Facebook page(s).
- Twinsburg Garden Club is having an event on Sunday, April 23rd 1:00m to 3:00pm at the Twinsburg Library. Information to be presented about seed starting, vegetable gardening and composting, including worm composting. This event is free and open to the public. Mark Gutowski and Jody Lyons will be presenting.
- Ms. Metzel shared - Saturday, May 6th the Library will host a Textile and Home Goods recycling day. This is a collection opportunity for any clothing or shoes to be recycled and/or repurposed.
- Mr. Bonacci discussed future plans for a City-wide spring cleanup. He is working with Parks & Recreation department to plan this event. Mr. Pichette discussed involving high school students or clubs to participate.
- Mr. Bonacci discussed upcoming Earth Day participation, events and programs. Document shredding event in Twinsburg on June 24th, this event to be approved.
- Ms. Schmidt shared – Akron Regional Air Quality Management District is having an event to turn in gas powered lawn mowers, details are posted on Facebook page.

COUNCIL REPORT: None presented.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, NEW BUSINESS, MISCELLANEOUS: None presented.

EXCUSE ABSENT MEMBERS: All members present.

NEXT MEETING DATE: May 2, 2023 at 7:00pm.

ADJOURNMENT: Meeting adjourned at 7:55pm.