



ENVIRONMENTAL LEADERSHIP COMMISSION
MONDAY, July 22, 2024, 7:00 PM
APPROVED MINUTES

CALL TO ORDER

Board roll call Chairperson Mary Ann MacLaren at 7:00 PM

Present: Ania Crawford Eric Geerlings

Arrived 7:02 p.m. Ben Kronk Damon Krueger

Joanna Lamar Sarah Visel

Anita Yeager

Absent: Laura Haw Consultant (Excused)

APPROVAL OF July 22, 2024, AGENDA

Moved by Eric Geerlings and supported by Damon Krueger to approve the agenda of July 22, 2024, for the Environmental Leadership Commission.

All Ayes

ENACTMENT OF CONSENT AGENDA

- Moved by Eric Geerlings and supported by Anita Yeager to approve the June 24, 2024, minutes with an amendment.
All Ayes.

COMMISSION MEMBERS COMMENTS

There were none.

• OLD BUSINESS

Update on native seed planting - weeding at Golfview Park June 13-
A. Yeager shared that the wildflower garden looks good. Volunteers are needed to help with weed cleanup. It was suggested to reach out to the high school and middle school. The students may get extra credit in science for assistance. M. Maclaren will reach out to the Friends of Miller Woods as well. It was also

suggested to reach out to businesses in the township.

- Trees and native planting at Lake Pointe Park

A. Yeager indicated that Lake Pointe Soccer has 2–3-year-old trees that were planted. One of the trees did not survive. The tree will be replaced.

- Ideas on "our name in the public"
 - o Booth at Plymouth Farmers Market one Saturday a month - another one in either late July or August

The ELC will have a booth at the Farmers Market on August 10th. There was a discussion concerning obtaining a banner and set up.

- o Fall Colors Event - catchy theme needed. Proceed or not with Fall Colors Event determined at this meeting.

It was suggested to proceed with providing classes on rain gardens, indigo dying, or homemade perfumes with lavender to the public as opposed to Fall Colors. Sponsorships would be considered to put on the classes. The classes could be titled Lunch and Learn, covering different topics that would fall under the ELC's mission. M. Maclaren will get permission to proceed.

- Next steps for Landscape Ordinance and other sustainability
 - o Removing Golden Rod from invasive species ordinance - steps???
 - o Comment/suggestion to Planning Commission regarding Cluster Housing relating to Cresthaven

M. Maclaren and A. Yeager attended the Planning Commission meeting and shared information on Cluster Housing with the ELC.

NEW BUSINESS

- Report from The Conservancy Initiative - John Creek
 - o July 10th - possible PSAF runoff from Arbor Landfill. Link to the blot -
<https://conservancyinitiative.org/new-blog/something-is-not-right-here>

B. Kronk discussed how to share community awareness of environmental PSAF runoff.

- Ideas for Education to the community using the Bosch grant

S. Visel shared that the Bosch Grant will be used for the rain garden only at Golfview Park. J. Lamar will contact Friends of The Rouge.

- Michigan Green Communities Challenge
 - o We are Silver for 2023 - How do we become gold
 - o Document of MiGreen Action Items for discussion is attached to this packet.
 - o "Inspire & Mobilize Residents" (Meaningful Community Engagement) which you have Listed as "Not Started". What comes to mind is the email that Eric shared with us about the city of Ann Arbor doing a community outreach program to educate the residents about food waste reduction strategies and ways to reduce carbon emissions.
- Next steps to a pilot food waste composting project

J. Lamar shared information on composting and recycling pay-as-you-go options as well as recycling revenue sources. A. Yeager will put together a presentation for Supervisor Heise.

■ COMMISSIONERS FINAL COMMENTS

M. Maclaren shared with Supervisor Heise the reactions to the wildflower gardens. She also discussed content that could be added to the ELC website.

- PUBLIC COMMENTS AND QUESTIONS
- ADJOURNMENT

Moved by B. Kronk and supported by A. Yeager to adjourn the meeting of the Environmental Leadership Commission at 8:51 p.m.

A handwritten signature in blue ink that reads "JoAnne Lamar". The signature is fluid and cursive, with "JoAnne" on the top line and "Lamar" on the bottom line.

JoAnne Lamar, Secretary