

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

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 10<sup>th</sup>. 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 10<sup>th</sup> - 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.



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**JoAnne Lamar, Secretary**