Wednesday, February 27, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center (3500 Marias Avenue)


Members Absent: K. Long

Public: M. Keith, J. Lyons-Bricker, A. Sarpolis, D. Sloan

MINUTES:

(1) Welcome New Board Members!!

(2) Approval of January 2018 Minutes:

(3) Greg Rassel Report -

(4) City Commissioner Report – S. Douglas: Restaurants not closing in Royal Oak. City Center project moving forward & under budget


(6) Election of Vice Chair – Ken Long

(7) Updates/Discussion:

   a. Earth Day Plans – Saturday, April 20, 2019, 9am – 1pm. Located on the West Porch of the Farmer’s Market (max 15 – six ft tables). Set up between 8-9am. Advertise for event – S. Douglas – need info by April 1 and she will contact Judy Davids; Also in insight magazine, social media. J. Lyons – Bricker place flyers at city hall; email blast – Judy Davids
   
      • Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board – 2 tables – host raffle and examples of what can be recycled, flyers for June recycle event
      • Sierra Club – A. Sarpolis (Green New Deal)
      • Sullivan Funeral Home – will pass out seedlings - confirmed
      • Modern Natural Baby – gift certificates to raffle off - confirmed
      • Green Team – City of Royal Oak - confirmed
      • Romi the Dog - maybe
b. Sustainability Plan Citizen Task Force Meeting (J. Lyons-Bricker) – Design Team: has two teams royal oak staff members and citizen task force. Citizen task force made up of ROEAB. J. Lyons-Bricker has already reached out to other cities to get information on their sustainability plans. J. Lyons-Bricker is going to share information on their plans with ROEAB. ROEAB members can read and be prepared to discuss ideas and design at ROEAB’s March 2019 meeting. J. Lyons-Bricker would like to move forward with different phases of the plan. Phase One – reasonable goals, obtainable goals, to be completed by June 2019.

c. St. Patrick’s Day Parade – Saturday, March 16. Meet at Middle School at 9:15

d. Food Waste Recycling Initiative – Royal Oak Schools has started composting food waste. Discussion about ROEAB members taking on restaurant composting. Discussion about making restaurant composting part of the city wide sustainability plan. Board decided to hold off on restaurant composting initiative until further discussion occurs regarding city wide Sustainability plan.

e. Green Team (Theresa) – no updates. Theresa not present at Feb. meeting


(8) Important Dates:

- March 16th, 2019 - 9:15am, Royal Oak St. Patrick’s Day Parade, Royal Oak Middle School
- March 28th, 7:00pm, Residential Rain Gardens, Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center – Clinton River Watershed
- March 30 – Power Hour
- April 17th, 7:00pm, Recycling Demystified, Royal Oak Public Library
- April 20th, (9:00am -1pm) Earth Day Event, Farmers Market
- June 1st, (9:00am – 1pm) Recycle Event at DPW

(9) Questions/discussions:

- W. Gontina asked: What sustainability features the new city development would have. J. Lyons-Bricker said new development would feature the following: white roof, LED lighting, HVAC – efficient, robust insulation. Green team pressed for meeting to learn more about the green features inside the building.
- Additional comment/question regarding having a solar power unit at the Northwood Elementary fun fair in June.

Motion to adjourn - K. Pierson, W. Gontina second.

Next Meeting: March 27, 2019 – discuss the city of Royal Oak’s Sustainability Plan.