



Royal Oak

Minutes

Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board

June 26, 2024, 7:00 p.m.
Royal Oak Farmers Market
316 East Eleven Mile Road
Royal Oak, MI 48067

Present: Amanda Herzog
Woody Gontina
Tessa Benziger
Brock Bosack
Zoe Chase
Frank Komola
Julie Lyons Bricker
Nicholas Marcelletti
Paul Vial

Absent: Ed Slesak

1. Call to Order

The meeting was called to order at 7:06 pm.

2. Approval of Agenda

Added appointment ordinance update to New Business - item 9

Moved by: Julie Lyons Bricker

Seconded by: Paul Vial

The Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board approves June 26, 2024 meeting agenda as published.

Motion Adopted

3. Approval of Minutes

Moved by: Paul Vial

Seconded by: Brock Bosack

The Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board approves the minutes of its May 22, 2024 meeting.

Motion Adopted

4. Public Comment

Chuck Altman described the SMART regional bus service planning process and highlighted several items that affect Royal Oak including: additional revamped routes servicing Royal Oak and FLEX Uber-like ride service in a designated area.

5. Presentation - John Freeman GLREA

John Freeman of the Great Lakes Renewable Energy Association provided a description of GLREA and its advocacy work and shared a legislative update for initiatives related to sustainability. He provided members and guests an informational packet related to GLREA's solarize program.

6. Director of Public Services and Recreation Report

Director Filipski reported that the proposed community garden at Oakland Elementary has been indefinitely shelved, advised on the switch over to Priority Waste as the city's primary waste hauler, and noted that the Parks and Recreation Advisory Board will consider changes to the operation hours of the Normandy Oaks Splash Pad. Additionally he reported on the status of the Erb Arboretum project and a Clinton River Watershed Council crayfish study at Normandy Oaks and Tenhave Woods.

7. Sustainability Manager Report

8. City Commissioner Report

Commissioner Herzog updated the board on the America in Bloom Grant visit; noted her regular meeting w/ Woodward Mayors and how they could re-envision Woodward and include green/sustainability features, advised that the group would be conducting related community engagement in the fall.

Reported on the vacancies on various boards, encouraged the group to identify interested individuals and encourage involvement.

Acknowledged Tom Regan's 14 years of service.

Reported on her appointment to the Oakland County Material Management Plan Committee.

9. New Business

9.a Appointment Ordinance Update

Updated the group on the status of the commission's review of the appointments ordinance, including the right of students to vote.

Moved by: Frank Komola

Seconded by: Julie Lyons Bricker

The Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board moves to express support for revisions to the Appointments Ordinance that permits student members to be voting members as permitted by the various boards' ordinances and bylaws.

Motion Adopted

10. Old Business

10.a Continuation - Bylaw Review

Discussion on bylaws was deferred to a future meeting due to time constraints.

10.b Summer Meeting Schedule

Moved by: Julie Lyons Bricker
Seconded by: Zoe Chase

The board moves to schedule the July meeting for Wednesday July 31, 2024 - 7pm at the Royal Oak Farmer's Market.

Motion Adopted

11. Subcommittee/Program Updates

11.a Social Media

12. General Announcements

12.a Receive and File: 2023 Water System Consumer Confidence Report (CCR)

12.b Upcoming Events

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13. Adjournment

The meeting was adjourned at 9:08 p.m.

Moved by: Zoe Chase
Seconded by: Brock Bosack

Motion to adjourn at ____ : ____ p.m.

Motion Adopted