

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
October 6, 2016  
City Council Chambers

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, October 6, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

A roll call was taken.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Ed Ellinghausen, Steve Wenzel, and Laurie Kacmar.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Jaci Krandel and Chair Erica Poremba .

**STAFF PRESENT:** Assistant Public Works Director Tom Migatz and Chief Deputy City Clerk Jane Howie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** None.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:**

Motion by E. Ellinghausen, second by L. Kacmar, to accept the Minutes from the September 1, 2016 Meeting. Ayes: Ed Ellinghausen, Steve Wenzel, and Laurie Kacmar. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Krandel and Chair Erica Poremba. Abstentions: None. Minutes were accepted.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** None

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:** None

**A. Staff Liaison Updates**

**I. City Budget**

T. Migatz informed Commissioners that the City is beginning the CIP, Capital Improvement Plan, and will be submitting information in the next month or so for Expenditures May 1, 2017 through April 30, 2018.

The Habitat for Humanity Re-Store will accept any items unless they pose a hazard of any sort. E. Ellinghausen provided a hand-out to be shared with Commission members.

**B. Construction Debris Recycling**

E. Ellinghausen did some research on Falcon Waste & Recycling on Rose Farm Road. He thought this could be a valuable resource. He checked out the site and was hoping to have a list to share with the Commissioners. At this time they are only accepting asphalt shingles at the Rose Farm Road location. They are open on Thursdays to accept cardboard; however, there is a charge. They've moved their recycling facility to other locations and their website is currently under construction. They do provide instructions on recyclables. They used to accept wood, vinyl siding along with many other products.

E. Ellinghausen will contact the McHenry County Defenders to find out if they have any further information on Falcon.

L. Kacmar said she has still be researching recycling of construction materials / items and ways of educating contractors. Re-Store is great because they accept windows, cabinets, vanities, etc. and sell them. The EPA does get involved in construction sites to be certain that hazardous / contaminated items are not being recycled.

L. Kacmar said there appears to be a growing awareness, internationally, of gypsum wallboard and ways of recycling it. Many plants accept it and they prepare it for re-use. There's a tow-behind chipper that contractors can bring to jobsites that strips and separates the gypsum right on site. Parts of it can then be added to the soil.

S. Wenzel asked if there are any of these chippers in the area. Perhaps he will check with the local Home Builders Association. L. Kacmar said she'll call Ralph's General Rent-All to find out if they're aware of this type of equipment. One of them is called the Gyp Monster, which pulverizes gypsum drywall.

**C. Discussion of rankings of the high-priority items on the Environmental Plan Recommendations List** – this item will be discussed at next month's meeting.

T. Migatz emailed an updated ranking form to Commission members – this version has a revised hierarchy.

S. Wenzel said he heard that the City is considering taking on a parcel that was donated by Merryman that is adjacent to several acres of conservation area. He's concerned if no buffering was done on the wetland, as this would be bad for the wetland property itself. He suggested that the City dedicate a conservation easement on a suitable buffer on the wetland or donate a suitable title MCCF owned parcel. The Environmental Commission would like to preserve this conservation area along with its surrounding area. E. Ellinghausen said there's concern of possible groundwater contamination to the nearby aquifer. S. Wenzel said there were some disputes as to whether it was regulated by the Army Corps of Engineers or not. The Commission would like T. Migatz to look into this.

S. Wenzel requested T. Migatz to email the Woodstock Green Infrastructure Plan to Commission members.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

Motion by L. Kacmar, second by E. Ellinghausen, to adjourn to the Special Joint meeting with the Cultural and Social Awareness Commission at 5:56 PM. Ayes: E. Ellinghausen, S. Wenzel, and L. Kacmar. Nays: None. Absentees: J. Krandel and Chair E. Poremba. None. Abstentions: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 6:00 PM.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Howie  
Chief Deputy City Clerk