



MINUTES

City of Ypsilanti SUSTAINABILITY COMMISSION MEETING Virtual Meeting held via Zoom

Monday, March 8, 2021
7:00 P.M.

I. CALL TO ORDER: 7:03 p.m.

II. ROLL CALL

Nancy Heine	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti City
Katy Greenwald	Present	- Washtenaw County, Superior Township
Beth Gibbons	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti Township
Takunia Collins	Present	- Washtenaw County, Pittsfield Township
Desirae Simmons	Present	- Washtenaw County, Ypsilanti City
Keith Michalowski	Absent	
Julia Bayha	Absent	
Bryan Foley	Absent	

Also Present: Counsel Liaison Steve Wilcoxon
Staff Liaison Ron Akers, Public Services Director
Commission Recording Secretary, Nancy Hare-Dickerson

Additional Staff Present: Bonnie Wessler, Public Services Project Manager (Zoom Meeting Host)

III. PUBLIC COMMENT – none

IV. AGENDA APPROVAL

Collins (Second: Greenwald) moved to approve the Agenda as submitted.

Roll Call Vote – Ayes: Commissioners Heine, Greenwald, Gibbons, Collins, Simmons
Nays: None
Absent: Commissioners Michalowski, Bayha, Foley
Motion Carried.

V. INTRODUCTIONS

Commissioner Heine introduced the presentation presenters:

- Washtenaw County Drain Commissioner Evan Pratt
- Washtenaw County Deputy Drain Commissioner Harry Sheehan
- Adapt Card Deck Game Co-Creator Bridget O'Brien

VI. PRESENTATIONS

1. Water Management

Harry Sheehan, Washtenaw County Deputy Drain Commissioner, was present to provide an overview of the Drain Commission's stormwater involvement and how it impacts the City of Ypsilanti. He provided answers to commissioner queries regarding the following:

- Stormwater management for the City;
- Tree canopy considerations/funding;
- Ecosystem considerations - algae concerns;
- Integration of future climate information; and

Penn Dam removal concerns – floodplains.

Deputy Drain Commissioner Sheehan provided information about future Drain Commission grant plans. Also, he shared that on April 8, 2021, from 12:30-1:30pm, a free [Virtual] “Introduction to Rain Gardens 101” class will be held through ypsilibrary.org and that the annual Native Plant Sale will occur at the Farm Council Grounds on June 5, 2021.

Drain Commissioner Evan Pratt invited commissioners to email their office with any further questions which may arise.

2. **Adapt Card Deck Game with Co-Creator Bridget O’Brien – [Postponed]**
3. **Composting with Commissioner Collins – [Postponed]**

VII. CONSENT AGENDA – [Postponed]

1. **Approval of February 8, 2021 minutes**

VIII. WORK SESSIONS – [Postponed]

1. **Sustainability Goals: Water**

IX. RESOLUTIONS/MOTIONS/DISCUSSIONS – [Postponed]

1. **Water Testing Experiment Update**
2. **Storm Drain Awareness Campaign Discussion**
3. **Composting Pilot Program Update**
4. **Neighborhood Hubs Pilot Program Update**
5. **Earth Day 2021 Planning Updates**
6. **Sustainability Commission KN95 Mask Event Update**
7. **Commissioner Vacancy Update**

X. COMMISSIONER REPORTS – [Postponed]

XI. PUBLIC COMMENT – [Postponed]

XII. PROPOSED BUSINESS – [Postponed]

U of M Resilience Hub Group Presentation

XIII. NEXT MEETING DATE

Monday, April 12, 2021

XIV. ADJOURNMENT: 8:01 p.m.