



## ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES

PUBLIC MEETING ROOM

MONDAY, JUNE 26, 2023

6:00 PM

### Meeting Items

1. Call to Order

The regular meeting of the Environmental Commission was called to order at 6:07 p.m. In attendance were Teresa DeMars, Cynthia Diessner, Dick Huston, Vice Chair Martha Brown, Roger Steinkamp, and Chair Sonny Wasilowski. Absent from the meeting was Lee Nordmeyer. Also in attendance was Staff Liaison, Mathias Hughey.

2. Approval of the Minutes

Motion by Dick Houston, seconded by Roger Steinkamp to Approve the meeting minutes as presented.. The motion passed on a 6/0 vote..

3. Items for Discussion

A. Draft Tree Preservation and Replacement Ordinance

The commission discussed the draft tree ordinance. Clarification was offered as to some of the technical points of the draft, and commissioner DeMars provided suggestions provided by Rice County SWCD staff. Commissioners had several questions about the engagement process and suggested making a one-page summary to improve communication. The commission approved the draft ordinance as a starting point for public and stakeholder engagement. Motion made by Dick Houston, second by Roger Steinkamp, the motion carried on a 6/0 vote.

B. Future Work Plan Items

Hughey proposed a worksheet that commissioners could fill out with information and assessment of prospective work plan items or projects. A blank work sheet, and a filled example were provided for commissioners to review. The commission moved to approve the worksheet as the method for proposing new projects, the motion was made by Martha Brown, second by Sonny Wasilowski, the motion carried on a 6/0 vote.

4. Routine Business

A. Announcements and Updates

Community Compost Cooperative

Hughey let commissioners know that a local business currently operating in Northfield was actively looking to expand to Faribault. The Community Compost Cooperative provides curbside compost collection service to residents.

Wayland Mayor's Challenge Results

Hughey updated the commission on the results of the Wyland Mayor's Challenge.

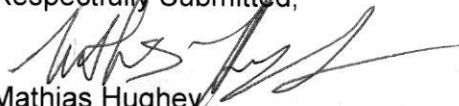
Commissioners suggested that the results be shared with the public via social media or other means.

Commissioners would like to participate next year.

5. Adjournment

Motion by Teresa DeMars, seconded by Roger Steinkamp to adjourn at 7:08 p.m.. The motion passed on a 6/0 vote.

Respectfully Submitted,



Mathias Hughey  
Community Development Coordinator