



**Minutes of the  
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board  
Wednesday, March 7, 2023, at 6:30 PM  
Location: Lake House**

The meeting was called to order at 6:30 p.m.

**Welcome/Attendance/Meeting Minutes**

Present: Rita George, Kayla Goodwin, Sam Naumann, Jen Miller, Marty Patton, Terry Robison, Rob Shahmir, and Terry Wyrock, citizen members.

Scott Cameron (Charah Solutions), industry member.

Absent: Tom Sulzer (Avient™), Michelle Hall (Ford), Mike McCormick (Applied Specialties), and Ron Spears (Lubrizol), industry members; and Council Representative Billie Jo David.

Also in Attendance: Councilman Mark Spaetzel.

Residential Accountability

1. Speaker Series Update

Mrs. Miller reported on the speaker series, Environmentally Speaking: Thrifting and Repurposing Your Wardrobe offered by the Board in partnership with the Avon Lake Public Library. The event was well attended. A high school senior provided tips on Fast Fashion using thrift shop purchases.

The next session in the series is Composting presented by Rust Belt Riders on Tuesday, March 14<sup>th</sup> from 7 to 8 p.m. at the Avon Lake Public Library.

2. EarthFest

The Board discussed EarthFest, and Chair Naumann will coordinate the Board's participation with West Shore FaCT. West Shore FaCT is an organization of "Faith Communities Together" for a sustainable future.

3. Collaboration with Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club

The Board will collaborate with the Avon-on-the-Lake Garden Club at their annual plant sale on May 13<sup>th</sup> at the Goddard School. All Board expenses must be processed through the Public Works Department by Director Brubaker.

Motion: Mrs. George moved to approve the budget expenditure. Mr. Shahmir seconded the motion. All ayes. Motion passed.

#### 4. Discussion on Artificial Reef

Mrs. Miller provided documentation about the artificial reef. The Board discussed collaborating with ODNR Structural Division. Councilwoman Fenderbosch will provide the Board with contact information. Mrs. Miller will investigate the grant round, BIL funds, and Ohio State, and approach the City after funding is secured and a plan has been established.

#### 5. Clean-up Avon Lake Day

This event, also known as Lorain County Beautiful Day, will be held Saturday, May 20, 2023. Previously, this event was coordinated by the Public Works Department. The Board was recently approached to assume its coordination. Pole banners will be installed publicizing the event. Promotional information will be posted on the City's website and Facebook asking for resident volunteers. The Board was tasked with tracking all projects that will be reported to the Lorain County Solid Waste Management District. Mrs. Goodwin will contact Avon Lake High School clubs and organizations, and churches, asking for their participation in the clean-up event, or if they have any projects. Mrs. George and Chair Naumann will write a script to provide awareness and offer ideas about how to create a project. The Board discussed having a dedicated project with the City Engineer.

Action: Board members will present their ideas at the April meeting.

#### Industrial Accountability

#### 6. Emergency Response Plans and Hazardous Materials Spill Plan for Industry Partners

Action: Discussion on this topic was postponed because Ford, Avient™, Vestolit\*, and Applied Specialties industry partners were not present at this meeting.

\*Vestolit has not had an industry partner assigned in months

The meeting adjourned.

Respectfully yours,

*/s/ Valerie E. Rosmarin*

Valerie Rosmarin, Clerk