



**Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
March 5, 2025
The Lake House, 32756 Lake Road**

The Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) meeting was called to order at 6:31 p.m. with Acting Chair McCormick presiding.

Present: Citizen Members Rita George, Kayla Goodwin, Marty Patton, Terry Robison, and Terry Wyrock; Industry Member and Acting Chair Mike McCormick (Applied Specialties, LLC); Industry Members Tom Sulzer (Avient™) and Ron Spears (Lubrizol Corp.).

Also Present: Residents Gary Cole, Malachi Witt, and William Zimmerman.

Absent: Ward-1 Councilman Rob Shahmir, Citizen Members Sam Naumann and Amy Oliver, Industry Members Michelle Hall (Ford Motor Company) and David Messinger (Vestolit).

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The February 5, 2025, EAAB meeting minutes were unanimously approved as prepared.

INDUSTRY MEMBER UPDATES

Applied Specialties, LLC

Acting Chair McCormick reported that they are still being acquired by [Tidal Vision](#) and making a lot of changes. He will provide updates at every meeting as they arise.

Avient™

Mr. Sulzer reported on an audit conducted by the Occupational Safety and Health Administration in mid-February, and he responded to a question from a resident.

Lubrizol Corp.

Mr. Spears reported on an annual inspection by Avon Lake Regional Water for on-site wastewater treatment plans, and there were no issues.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Member Updates

Mr. Robison reported that the City has been posting information about coyotes. This time of year is when breeding happens, and pups will be born in about another month.

NEW BUSINESS

New Chair Nomination/Vote

Motion: Acting Chair McCormick moved to remain as Chair, officially, unless there were any objections; there was unanimous consent.

- There was a brief discussion about not needing a vote for the Vice-Chair to take over as Chair; however, it was suggested by Councilman Shahmir that a vote be taken for the confidence of the Board.

There were no nominations for a new Vice-Chair.

Motion: Chair McCormick moved to postpone the vote for Vice-Chair until such time there are nominations, perhaps with the addition of new Board Members; there was unanimous consent.

Meeting Times

Chair McCormick started a discussion about the time and day of the meetings and whether there was a better choice to allow others to be in attendance.

- The first Thursday evening of the month at 6:30 p.m., or later, was discussed.

Action: Chair McCormick will check with Council, Mayor Spaetzel, and Clerk of Council Valerie Rosmarin for days that work and then email the Board.

Special EAAB Meeting

Chair McCormick reported that the Special EAAB meeting held at 6 p.m. did not have a quorum, so they held an open discussion instead. There were no additional comments or topics brought up for discussion.

Summer Social Activity

Chair McCormick suggested a fun social activity for the Board, possibly in the summer, and a discussion resulted. Topics included bringing family members and significant others; that Councilman Shahmir hosted in the past; and having it at a restaurant with separate checks, maybe at [Legacy](#). It was decided that members should come to the next meeting with ideas and dates in mind for a summer social event for the Board.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS, CONTINUED

Rust Belt Riders

Mrs. Goodwin reported that she has been in communication with [Rust Belt Riders](#) about their compost offerings. The [City of Beachwood](#) pays for its residents to participate in the program, and she was inquiring about Avon Lake doing the same.

- There was a brief discussion about registration and benefits, such as using the soil made from the donated materials that were composted.

Recycling Bins

Mr. Wyrock started a brief discussion about the recycling bins that were discussed at a previous meeting. There was agreement that it would be beneficial for Public Works Director Jon Liskovec to attend EAAB meetings, and changing the day and time to accommodate his schedule as well as others is being considered for that reason.

Chair McCormick inadvertently neglected to ask for Public Comments, and there were no objections raised from those in attendance.

The meeting was adjourned at 6:58 p.m.

Submitted by Ramona Boggins, Deputy Clerk of Council