



**Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
June 11, 2025
The Lake House, 32756 Lake Road**

The Environmental Affairs Advisory Board (EAAB) meeting was called to order at 6:32 p.m. with Chair McCormick presiding.

Present: Citizen Members Eric Krieg, Marty Matuszak, Marty Patton, Jon Potrzeba, and Terry Wyrock; Industry Members Chair Mike McCormick (Applied Specialties, LLC), Michelle Hall (Ford Motor Company), and Ron Spears (Lubrizol Corp.); Ex-Officio Member Ward-1 Councilman Rob Shahmir (6:55).

Also Present: Resident Gary Cole.

Absent: Citizen Members Rita George, Kayla Goodwin, Amy Oliver, and Terry Robison; Industry Members Tom Sulzer (Avient™) and David Messinger (Vestolit); and Director of Finance Designee Deputy Clerk of Council Ramona Boggins.

WELCOME/ROLL CALL

Everyone took turns introducing themselves, and attendance was taken.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

The May 1, 2025, EAAB meeting minutes were approved as prepared and presented.

INDUSTRY MEMBER UPDATES

Applied Specialties, LLC

Chair McCormick shared a brief history and then explained some of the products that Applied Specialties used in large-scale water treatment. They have expanded their product offerings since being purchased by Tidal Vision in December 2024. Lastly, they passed their ISO-45000 final Stage-2 audit, and he explained what that meant.

Lubrizol

Mr. Spears shared a brief history and then explained some of the types of polymers that Lubrizol manufactures, as well as some of the products that those polymers are in. He noted that Lubrizol is one of five different industrial tenants that occupy their site.

Ford Motor Company

Mrs. Hall shared which trucks and chassis their site manufactures and what types of vehicles become the end users of those. They are in the process of building a battery-operated commercial electric vehicle for use in delivery transit services. She discussed Ford's influences on assembly lines, 8-hour workdays, and 40-hour workweeks. Lastly, she shared about the repair of a defective line after multiple complaints were received, which led to the development of their Community Relations Department.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Green Mobility Planning Toward Integrated Parks and Recreation Master Plan - Draft Survey

The draft survey was included in the agenda pack, and it was favorably received.

Motion: Chair McCormick moved to approve the survey. The motion was seconded and passed unanimously.

Recycling Solid Waste Program - Parks/Events - Building Commission

Chair McCormick reported that he received another contact from Mayor Spaetzel but has not yet had an opportunity to meet with Public Works Director Liskovec.

2025 Deer Culling Program

There was discussion on the article in the agenda pack, the survey that is posted on the City's website, the number of tags issued, the complaints received, and the accidents reported, as well as who is responsible for reporting and managing wildlife.

- Mr. Shahmir reported that as the Culling Program has evolved, the number of accidents has reduced; however, he didn't have specific numbers.¹

EAAB Storage Box

There was discussion on the location and contents of the box, as well as the plan to digitize the contents.

Window Strike Prevention Initiative

Chair McCormick reported that Lorain County Community College's initiative was about preventing birds from hitting windows, but he didn't have any additional

¹ Public Works Director Liskovec reported the deer culling numbers at the March 24, 2025, Communications, Environmental, and Recreational Programming Committee meeting, which are reflected in the minutes of that meeting and are on file at the Clerk of Council's office.

information to share other than what was included in the agenda pack.

Composting

Mrs. Hall reported that Ford has partnered with [Chicago](#)-area schools and communities to help develop a composting program. The project is underway but has not yet gained significant momentum. She will meet with Mrs. Goodwin and the composters that Ford uses to come up with a proposal that involves Ford's assistance.

Environmental Programs at the Avon Lake Library

Chair McCormick reported that at his meeting with Laura Ploenzke at the Library, she said EAAB could start monthly presentations in September on a Tuesday or Thursday evening. She requested a list of presenters by the end of June. There was discussion on topics covered in the past, and new ones were also proposed.

- Helping Monarch Butterflies Thrive;
- Lorain County Solid Waste Management District;
- Ohio Sea Grant;
- [H2Ohio](#) and/or the House of Representatives to address water pollution; and
- Ford Motor Company's Sustainability Initiatives - Mrs. Hall volunteered to be the speaker in September.

Ohio Materials Management Advisory Council (MMAC)

Chair McCormick announced that Councilwoman Jennifer Fenderbosch's offer to carpool is still open to anyone wishing to attend upcoming MMAC Meetings. There was discussion about upcoming dates, times, and coordinating with those who are interested.

Avon Lake City School Foundation (ALCSF) Green Scholarship Program

Mr. Shahmir passed out a document that he compiled and used to develop the Green Scholarship Program; he elaborated on the concepts contained therein.

- Mr. Shahmir committed \$20,000 over four years - \$3,000 from EAAB over four years; the balance from Mr. Shahmir.
- The plan is to be successful in the first few years to attract additional funding.
- Youth-led (juniors and seniors) and adult-supported.
- There was frustration expressed about the \$750 that EAAB is contributing to the Program and the reason for the delay in issuing a check to the ALCSF.
- Mr. Shahmir suggested that technical support from experts was necessary for an unbiased assessment of data and viewing it from a different perspective.

There was discussion on what was meant by technical support, such as community members who are experts in their fields, like environmental lawyers and risk assessors.

NEW BUSINESS

Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab to Host the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration's 2025 Seasonal Forecast for Harmful Algal Blooms (HAB) in Lake Erie

There was discussion on the HAB and having someone from Ohio Sea Grant and Stone Lab present at the Library for one of the upcoming months to educate on this topic.

ADDITIONAL BUSINESS

Big Trucks

Mr. Wyrock initiated a discussion on EAAB participating in Big Trucks this year.

Action: Chair McCormick said he would get back to Mr. Wyrock regarding EAAB's participation in the Big Trucks event.

July EAAB Meeting

There was discussion about a meeting on July 10 to discuss the many agenda items, including details about the Big Trucks event. Chair McCormick invited anyone to consider stepping up to be the Vice-Chair of EAAB because he needed help due to his many other commitments, and no one volunteered.

Power Plant

There was discussion on why the former power plant wasn't mentioned at the meeting, and Mr. Shahmir responded.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Submitted by Ramona Boggins, Deputy Clerk of Council