

**Minutes
Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board Meeting
Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center
3500 Marias Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067**

**Wednesday, March 22, 2023
7:00pm**

1. Call to order 7pm
2. Approval of agenda: moved by Jennifer Acevedo, seconded by Woody Gontina.
3. Approval of November minutes: moved by Woody Gontina, seconded by Nicholas Marcelletti.
4. Public Comment: none.
5. Welcome new board members: Tessa Benziger and Julie Lyons-Bricker (as a Royal Oak resident). A round of introductions followed.
6. Election of officers for 2023: Amanda Herzog was nominated for chair, Woody Gontina was nominated for vice-chair and Tom Regan was nominated for secretary, this was moved by Kyle DuBuc and seconded by Jennifer Acevedo. There was no discussion and the vote in favor was unanimous.
7. Recognition of Chris Hartwig for her continuous membership on the EAB it since was the Solid Waste Advisory Board. After some discussion, Aaron Filipski stated he would request a Mayoral Proclamation for her at an upcoming city commission meeting.
8. New date for November 2023 meeting: it was motioned that the November 22 EAB meeting be moved to November 29 to avoid conflicting with the Thanksgiving holiday weekend, moved by Julie Lyons-Bricker, seconded by Brock Bosack. The motion was approved unanimously.
9. City Commissioner Report: Kyle DuBuc.
 - a. City Budget meeting will take place May 24, same day as EAB May meeting. Draft budget will be released early May. EAB's review and comments are encouraged, especially with regards to a possible full time sustainability manager position.
10. Zoe Chase provided ROHS liaison update:
 - a. ROHS graduation and potential replacement liaisons (Maggie and Victoria from Accorn)
 - b. Recommendation to advertise Earth Day and EAB Meeting in Accorn.
11. Director of Public Services and Recreation Report: Aaron Filipski.
 - a. City staff help from Jeremy
 - b. Possible change to recycling receptacles in city parks
 - c. New dust control ordinance using existing demolition permitting process
 - d. Community Garden organizational oversight question (EAB, Parks and Recreation Board or Garden Club)

- e. Plan to convert street lights to LEDs
 - f. Planting of 375 new trees
 - g. Arbor Day/ 100th birthday of Fred Erb celebration April 27 10am
 - h. DPS building upgrade study
 - i. Plans for City EV charging stations and EV purchases
 - j. Bee-tween's pollinator gardens
 - k. Potential grant for EV charging station education
12. Other acknowledgement and discussion
- a. Master plan update continues and more and broader participation is needed
 - b. Upcoming decisions regarding ARPA spending
 - c. Addressing DTE Energy's poor service performance
 - d. Earth Day (April 22) activities and needed volunteers
 - e. Brock will take orders for EAB T-shirts
 - f. Solarize's next meeting is April 4 from 6:30pm to 8:30pm
 - g. S-CAP task force's continued discussion of needed S-CAP metrics
 - h. Woody and Tom to be the liaisons for the EAB at next Garden Club meeting
 - i. Ensuring LEED certification for new building northeast corner of 11 Mile and Main
13. Motion to adjourn was made by Woody Gontina, seconded by Brock Bosack, motion approved unanimously

The meeting adjourned around 8:55pm.