



## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**

**Wednesday, May 13, 2026 at 6:00 PM**

**City Hall, 10th Floor Conference Room**

### **AGENDA**

**1. CALL TO ORDER**

**2. ROLL CALL**

**3. ADOPTION OF THE AGENDA**

**4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

A. 04-15-26 meeting minutes

**5. OLD BUSINESS**

A. Progress updates on the Tree Inventory & Management Plan, Consumers Energy Renewable Energy Program, Municipal Waste Study, and the potential addition of statutory ex-officio members

B. Research on 'LEED for Cities and Communities'

C. Discussion on Urban Agriculture and Pollinator Gardens

**6. NEW BUSINESS**

A. Discussion on Tree City USA designation

**7. CITIZEN COMMENTS**

(3-Minute Limit)

**8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS**

**9. NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 06-17-26 AT 6:00 PM**

**10. ADJOURNMENT.**

**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION 04-15-26**  
**MEETING MINUTES (PREPARED 04-16-26)**  
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Date: Wednesday, 04-15-26

Time: 6:00 pm

Place: Conference Room on 10<sup>th</sup> floor of City Hall, 161 W Michigan Avenue, Jackson, Michigan

**I. Call to Order** *Chairperson Kazmier called the meeting to order at 6:04 pm.*

**II. Roll Call**

**Present:** *Commissioner Derick Dobies  
Commissioner Kelli Kazmier (Chair)  
Commissioner Andrew Johnson  
Commissioner Samantha Kloos*

**Absent:** *Commissioner Kelsey Heck Wood*

**Staff:** *Troy R. White, City of Jackson Engineering*

**III. Adoption of the Agenda**

*Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kloos to approve the agenda as presented approved unanimously.*

**IV. Approval of the minutes for the 02-18-26 and 03-18-26 meetings**

*Motion made by Commissioner Dobies and seconded by Commissioner Johnson to approve the minutes for the 02-18-26 and 03-18-26 meetings with the following amendments by Commissioner Kloos approved unanimously.*

- a. Paragraph four of section VI.ii is amended to show that Commissioner Kloos requested financial statements*
- b. Paragraph one of section VIII is amended to show that Commissioner Kloos requested an explanation as to why Ms. Mackey has not been appointed and what action is needed for Ms. Mackay to be appointed.*
- c. Paragraph two of section VIII is amended to show that Commissioner Kloos related that the enforcement of ordinance requirements for property and sidewalk maintenance is not consistent for winter maintenance verses warm weather maintenance.*

## V. Old Business

- i. *Progress updates on the Tree Inventory & Management Plan, Consumers Energy Renewable Energy Program, Municipal Waste Study, and the potential addition of statutory ex-officio members.*

*Mr. White informed the Commissioners as follows:*

- a. *Tree Inventory & Management Plan*
    - *Eocene's work is complete and the plan will be posted to the City's website*
    - *The majority of removals are complete although there will be more*
    - *A renewable tree planting contract will be let this year for the first plantings in fall 2026.*
    - *We are in year two of the four year program covered by the USDA Urban Forestry grant.*
  - b. *Consumers Energy Renewable Energy Program – no report*
  - c. *Municipal Waste Study – no report*
  - d. *Appointment of ex-officio members – this is the purview of the Mayor's office. Therefore, no report*
- ii. *Review of Environmental Action Plan (EAP) and prioritize topics.*

*Commissioner Johnson expressed that there is no need to revise the EAP and that the priority should be to work on initiatives contained in the EAP.*

*Commissioner Kazmier related that her goal relating to LEED for Cities is to complete research, discern the City of Jackson's current LEED score and have the City apply for the LEED for Cities subsidized and supported program.*

*Commissioner Kloos spoke regarding Section 6-B of the EAP and the use of city-owned lots for its implementation. She expressed that she is at a loss for how to implement the initiatives regarding land use as listed in 6-B and that she is frustrated that her efforts have received no response. This frustration extends to the lack of response related to the Pocket Parks for Pollinators initiative she developed with Ms. Mara Mackay.*

*Commissioner Dobies spoke regarding the need to find opportunities to recognize progress while also recognizing that progress can be slow.*

*Commissioner Kazmier summarized, with concurrence, the discussion as follows:*

- *The EAP text will not be revised although 2024 accomplishments will be added*
- *Urban agriculture and pollinator gardens will be a priority issue for 2026. This issue will be added the monthly meeting agendas under Old Business.*
- *The pursuit of Tree City USA designation will be a priority initiative and will be added to monthly meeting agendas.*
- *LEED for Cities will continue to be a priority initiative.*

## **VI. New Business**

- i. Discussion on potential for 2026 Arbor Day proclamation and 'No Mow May' initiative*

*Mr. White informed the Commission that an Arbor Day proclamation is agenda for the 04-21-26 City Council meeting. "No Mow May" is not on the agenda.*

- ii. Discussion on data centers and their potential development within city limits*

*Commissioner Kloos spoke regarding non-disclosure agreements in some communities, the data center project in Lansing and moratoriums on data centers in Michigan. Commissioner Johnson stated that a moratorium would need to come from City Council. Commissioner Kazmier related that the Commission can provide input to City Council whether solicited or unsolicited.*

## **VII. Citizen Comments**

*James Minix spoke regarding vacant parcels he owns in the City of Jackson.*

*Reilly Kloos of 906 First Street stated that a single hauler makes for a cleaner city.*

## **VIII. Commissioner Comments**

*None.*

## **IX. Next Meeting – Wednesday, 05-16-26 at 6:00 pm**

## **X. Adjournment**

*Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Dobies to adjourn approved unanimously. Meeting ended at 7:03 pm.*