



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, August 13, 2025 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. 06-18-25 meeting minutes

5. OLD BUSINESS

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

B. Research on LEED for Cities and Communities

6. NEW BUSINESS

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

(3-Minute Limit)

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

9. NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 09-17-25 AT 6:00PM

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES (PREPARED 06-26-25)
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Date: Wednesday, 06-18-25

Time: 6:00 pm

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

I. Call to Order *Chairperson Kazmier called the meeting to order at 6:15 pm.*

II. Roll Call

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

Absent: *Commissioner Kelsey Heck Wood*

Staff: *Jeffrey Crow, 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 05-14-25 meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kloos to approve the minutes for the 05-14-25 meeting as presented approved unanimously.

V. Old Business

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

Commissioner Kazmier requested that Mr. Crow discuss the progress updates on the above-mentioned items, to which Mr. Crow responded in the affirmative.

Mr. Crow provided the following updates: the consultant performing the Tree Inventory & Management Plan mobilized on 04-21-25 and is on track to meet the target completion date of 10-06-25. A Consumers Energy representative presented the Renewable Energy Program at the 06-10-25 Council meeting and answered councilmembers' questions about the program's benefits, including long-term savings and greater cost predictability for the City's energy bill. It is likely that Consumers Energy will return for another presentation, and council may have the opportunity to approve a contract to enroll into the program, but nothing has been scheduled. It is unlikely that the Municipal Waste Study will be brought before City Council this year. The Parks and Recreation Department does not have plans this year to develop pollinator gardens on City-owned properties. The adoption of the Environmental Action Plan by Council and the addition of statutory ex-officio members to the Commission are not expected to move forward this year.

Commissioner Kloos expressed concern about the stalled progress on the waste study, pollinator gardens, Environmental Action Plan, and adding ex-officio members. She mentioned that she may ask her councilmember to propose adding the Environmental Action Plan to a future Council meeting agenda for adoption.

Commissioner Kazmier agreed with Commissioner Kloos that reaching out to councilmembers could help get the Environmental Action Plan added to a future Council agenda for adoption.

ii. Research on LEED for Cities and Communities

Commissioner Kazmier requested Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Kloos to share their findings on the topics they previously selected, to which both responded in the negative and mentioned that more time is needed. She then asked Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Kloos to discuss their findings at the next meeting, to which both responded in the affirmative.

VI. New Business

None.

VII. Citizen Comments

None.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

None.

IX. Next Meeting – Wednesday, 08-13-25 at 6:00pm

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kloos to adjourn approved unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:42 pm.