



ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Wednesday, February 18, 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. 11-12-25 Meeting Minutes

B. 01-14-26 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 Invasive Tree Species and Pest Insects

D. Recap of 'Cost Savings from EAP Initiatives' Meeting

6. NEW BUSINESS

- A. Re-evaluate Environmental Action Plan and Prioritize Topics

- B. Election of Officers
 - 1. Chair
 - 2. Vice Chair
 - 3. Secretary

7. CITIZEN COMMENTS

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

9. NEXT MEETING – WEDNESDAY, 03-18-26 AT 6:00 PM

10. ADJOURNMENT

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MEETING MINUTES (PREPARED 11-19-25)
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Date: Wednesday, 11-12-25

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

IV. Approval of the minutes for the 10-15-25 meeting

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kloos to approve the minutes for the 10-15-25 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 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 is expected to submit a draft report later this month, which will be shared with the Commissioners upon receipt. There are no new updates on whether Consumers Energy will return for another presentation on their Renewable Energy Program, nor on any upcoming Municipal Waste Study work by City staff. The addition of statutory ex-officio members to the Commission is not expected to move forward this year.

ii. Research on LEED for Cities and Communities

None.

iii. Discussion on Invasive Tree Species and Pest Insects

Commissioner Kloos mentioned that she presented an educational overview on the invasive species 'Spotted Lanternfly' and 'Tree of Heaven' at the Ward 5 meeting hosted by Councilmember Davis on 10-16-25.

Commissioner Kloos discussed three (3) articles that she shared via email prior to today's meeting. The first article includes images of the 'Tree of Heaven' to aid with identification and includes control recommendations. The second and third articles are Sections 247.61 and 271.64 of Act 359, Chapter 247 from the Michigan Compiled Laws. Section 247.61 authorizes local governments to appoint a one-year noxious weed commissioner. Section 247.64 requires property owners to destroy noxious weeds and allows local governments to act if they fail. The articles links are below:

<https://extension.psu.edu/tree-of-heaven>

<https://legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=mcl-247-64>

<https://legislature.mi.gov/Laws/MCL?objectName=mcl-247-61>

Mr. Crow mentioned that the City does not have a 'noxious weed commissioner', but the Department of Public Works (DPW) manages our weed control program. He also shared that, in a separate meeting with DPW staff, he discussed Commissioner Kloos's observations of the invasive species 'Spotted Lanternfly' and 'Tree of Heaven' along her private fence line, and that the upcoming Tree Inventory & Management Plan will identify invasive tree species in the City right-of-way.

Mr. Crow shared two (2) placards at today's meeting. The first placard includes images to help identify 'Tree of Heaven', and the second includes images of 'Spotted Lanternfly'. He mentioned that he will ask DPW staff if they want to post copies in the office hallways. A link to the placards is below:

<https://www.michigan.gov/invasives/id-report/insects/spotted-lanternfly>

VI. New Business

i. Approval of 2026 Meeting Schedule

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kloos to approve the 2026 Meeting Schedule as presented approved unanimously.

ii. Other New Business

Commissioner Kazmier mentioned that she is meeting with former Mayor Mr. Dobies on 11-13-25 to review both past and upcoming Environmental Commission initiatives. The purpose of the meeting is to help Mr. Dobies better understand the Commission's direction and explore potential cost savings from its initiatives.

Mr. Crow mentioned that the Municipal Waste Study is projected to lower residents' refuse bills, while the Renewable Energy Program is projected to reduce the City's electricity bill.

Commissioner Kazmier requested that Mr. Crow provide financial information on the Municipal Waste Study and the Renewable Energy Program to support the above-mentioned meeting, to which Mr. Crow responded in the affirmative and immediately sent the requested information via email.

Commissioner Kazmier mentioned that the Environmental Action Plan should be re-evaluated at the next Commission meeting and asked each Commissioner to select their priorities beforehand, to which Commissioner Johnson and commissioner Kloos responded in the affirmative.

Commissioner Kloos proposed that the re-evaluation exercise includes discussion on adding invasive species to the Environmental Action Plan, to which Commissioner Johnson and Commissioner Kazmier responded in the affirmative.

VII. Citizen Comments

Ms. Mara Mackay of 312 Douglas Street expressed concern about the City's stray cat population. She mentioned that there is currently no free trap-neuter-release program for stray cats, and emphasized the need for a structured initiative to humanely manage and control the stray cat population.

VIII. Commissioner Comments

Commissioner Kloos mentioned that Ms. Mara Mackey submitted her Environmental Commission application on 11-11-25 and expressed support for her appointment to the Commission.

IX. Next Meeting – Wednesday, 01-14-26 at 6:00pm

X. Adjournment

Motion made by Commissioner Johnson and seconded by Commissioner Kloos to adjourn approved unanimously. Meeting ended at 6:53 pm.

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2026 MEETING SCHEDULE (APPROVED 11-12-25)
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Meetings of the Environmental Commission will be conducted on the 10th floor of City Hall at 161 W Michigan Avenue. Meetings will commence at 6:00pm on the following dates:

Wednesday, January 14, 2026

Wednesday, February 18, 2026

Wednesday, March 18, 2026

Wednesday, April 15, 2026

Wednesday, May 13, 2026

Wednesday, June 17, 2026

Wednesday, August 12, 2026

Wednesday, September 16, 2026

Wednesday, October 14, 2026

Wednesday, November 18, 2026

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Date: Wednesday, 01-14-26

Time: 6:00 pm

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

The Environmental Commission meeting was cancelled due to a lack of quorum.