

**MINUTES**  
**ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION**  
November 3, 2016  
City Council Chambers

A Regular Meeting of the Environmental Commission of the City of Woodstock was called to order at 5:30 PM on Thursday, November 3, 2016 in the Council Chambers at City Hall.

**I. CALL TO ORDER & ROLL CALL**

A roll call was taken.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS PRESENT:** Steve Wenzel, Jaci Krandel and Chair Erica Poremba.

**COMMISSION MEMBERS ABSENT:** Laurie Kacmar and Ed Ellinghausen.

**STAFF PRESENT:** Assistant Public Works Director Tom Migatz and Chief Deputy City Clerk Jane Howie

**OTHERS PRESENT:** Nancy, McHenry County Defenders. Williams Donato. Ann Legg, Citizens' Climate Lobby.

**II. ACCEPTANCE OF MINUTES:** Minutes were tabled until the December meeting.

**III. PUBLIC COMMENT:** none.

**IV. DISCUSSION ITEMS:** none

**A. Staff Liaison Updates**

**I. Merryman Wetland Buffer**

T. Migatz said there are currently no plans for development that the City is aware of at this time. S. Wenzel asked if a buffer could be considered in the near future before any plans are discussed. T. Migatz will look into this.

E. Poremba brought in a list of items / goods that ReStore accepts. She asked T. Migatz to scan the list and email to Commissioners, which he will do.

**B. Environmental Commission Initiatives and the City Budget**

T. Migatz asked the Commission if they have any initiatives that the Commission would like added to the CIP? The deadline for submittal is November 16, 2016.

It was determined that topics will have to be discussed in the new year and High-Priority and Medium-Priority items decided upon before next year's CIP deadline. W. Donato said one of the priorities was retrofit lighting. Has that been taken care of? T. Migatz said the lighting retrofit project has been completed.

E. Poremba said that the Commission may need to hold some Special Meetings in early 2017 to review rankings. Asked Commissioners to bring their calendars to next month's meeting.

**C. Citizens Climate Lobby – Ann Legg**

Ann Legg, Citizens Climate Lobby, has been a resident of Woodstock since 1973 and a teacher for 32 years. A. Legg shared a packet of documents regarding carbon fee and dividend. She asked the Commission members if they would be willing to sign a form for endorsement, to recognize climate change, carbon fee and dividend as a solution. The Commission and staff liaison agreed to share this information with City Administration before signing and endorsing.

S. Wenzel asked if this applies to both petroleum and coal. A. Legg answered yes, that's true. Ms. Legg presented the materials and is hopeful that this Commission will be supportive.

E. Poremba asked the Commissioners if they are supportive of these items. The Commission members present are supportive. They mentioned the possibility of signing the endorsement letter for the action on climate change and then, perhaps, creating a letter of their own for carbon fee and dividend. T. Migatz suggested that this information be discussed with the City's Attorney before signing anything.

The Commission would like to recommend to City Council to sign a carbon fee and dividend letter or Resolution. S. Wenzel moved to advise City Council to support and sign a letter endorsing Citizens Climate Lobby proposed carbon fee and dividend plan to incentivize this. All Commissioners were in favor. T. Migatz will contact the City Attorney to find out if the Commission has the authority to sign endorsements that go along with the Environmental Plan prior to City Council's approval.

A. Legg said at the bottom of each letter is says that an endorsement can be private or public. E. Poremba said they'd be happy to sign a public letter; the Commissioners that were present agreed.

**D. Discussion of rankings of the high-priority items on the Environmental Plan Recommendations List.** This will be discussed at a future meeting.

**V. ADJOURNMENT:**

Chair E. Poremba called the Meeting Adjourned at 6:00 PM to the Special Joint meeting with the Cultural and Social Awareness Commission. Ayes: Steve Wenzel, Jaci Krandel and Chair Erica Poremba. Nays: None. Absentees: L. Kacmar and Ed Ellinghausen. Abstentions: None. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Jane Howie  
Chief Deputy City Clerk