

Athens City Environment and Sustainability Commission
Regular Meeting MINUTES
Athens City Building
Wednesday February 6, 2019 6:30 PM

1. Call to order

Chairman Richard Linscott called the meeting to order at 6:35PM. Members present include Linscott, Caitlin Garrity, Stefan Gleissberg, Jessica Dalzell, Kristen Rice, Sam Crowl, Elaine Goetz, Cliff Hamilton, Aimee Delach, and Ed Newman. Member Paul Logue was absent. Quorum was established. Guests present include Andrea Reany and Sara Conley-Bellew.

2. Disposition of Minutes

The minutes from January 2019 were reviewed by the commissioners. Rice made a motion to approve the minutes as submitted to the commission. Gleissberg seconded the motion. All members voted in favor. The minutes were approved.

3. Next Meeting Date—March 6, 2019 at 6:30 PM at City Hall.

4. Old Business

A. Action items/projects for 2019 and beyond (All)

- Delach has begun self-compiling data from eBird, and iNaturalist in order to form the starting point for our biodiversity species counts.
- Green Apple Day of Service
Goetz has begun discussions regarding getting a program ([link here](#)) started in Athens.
- Athens City Schools planning (Sam Crowl)
Sam shared the letter that he drafted, and received some feedback from the group.
- D. East State Street/OU land (Stefan)
Scheduled meeting for vegetation plan for that area, Stefan reported that the plan for that area is moving in positive direction, and a favorable outcome should be on the horizon.

5. New Business

A. Compost pilot update (Andrea Reany)

- Presented to the commission, attached to minutes.

B. Rural Action sustainability updates (Sarah Conley-Ballew)

Upgrade Ohio is now a part of Rural Action. Moving forward with a few initiatives-

- Clean energy pledge pilot. Similar to a zero-waste audit.
 - 10 entities is the target for 2019
 - Energy intelligence company—Energility
 - Aim is to make it more affordable and more expeditious to adopt clean energy

- Bio-digester—phase II assessment is underway, let's hope that 2019 will end with financing secure
- County Commissioner Chris Chmiel wants to sync up our sustainability efforts
 - An e-mail list was circulated

6. Announcements and Updates

- A. Council updates (Crowl)
 - Environmental council via Chris Fahl. Commission recommended that Chris Fahl enter discussion with Chris Chmiel about what the two of them want.
- B. Thesis project (Dalzell)
 - Outreach to students on the way, massive number of by-mail responses but skewed heavily towards senior citizens.
- C. Wayne NF forest planning (Delach)
 - They're working! Public comment period should begin in April.

7. Adjournment

With all agenda items satisfied and no further business Linscott motioned to adjourn the meeting at 7:30 PM. The meeting was adjourned.

Respectfully submitted by Richard Linscott