

# ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

## *August 17, 2005 - Meeting Minutes*

**City Hall – 2<sup>nd</sup> Floor – Community Room**

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**Members Present:** James Jeakle, Mike McCarville, Ted Lupina, Bill Steinmann, Tom Hohm, Becky Patterson and Bill Hughes

**Approved Absence:** None

**Staff:** Carolyn Rutland (Staff Liaison)

**Others:** Don Cooney (City Commissioner)

### **APPROVAL OF THE REGULAR MEETING MINUTES OF: July 20, 2005:**

- The ECC minutes of the July 20, 2005 meeting were approved.

### **APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA:**

- The agenda was approved.

### **ANNOUNCEMENTS:**

- The EPA has extended the public comments period on the Kalamazoo River, Willard Blvd./A-Site proposed cleanup plan to September 16, 2005.
- The cap on the KL Avenue Landfill will be constructed starting in 2006.

### **COMMENTS BY COMMISSIONERS:**

- Commissioner Don Cooney ask about a program recently passed to protect the Great Lakes and wondered if this were joint with Canada?

### **COMMENTS BY ECC MEMBERS:**

- Mike McCarville reported on planting along Axtell Creek. He announced that a new CMI grant has been approved, including projects at Kalamazoo Christian High School/Arcadia Creek and Loy Norrix High School/Portage Creek.

### **COMMENTS BY OTHERS:**

- None

### **OLD BUSINESS:**

Subcommittee Restructuring –

- KATS Citizen Input Committee – Jim Jeakle will email meeting information to ECC members.
- Planning Commission (meets first Thursday, 7 p.m.) – Tom Hohm, Bill Steinmann
- Asylum Lake – Todd Kesselring

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### **OLD BUSINESS - continued**

- Tree Committee – Ted Lupina
- Pesticide/Herbicide Advisory Committee – Mike McCarville, Ted Lupina
- Parks and Recreation Advisory Board (meets second Wednesday, 5 p.m.) – Becky Patterson
- Storm Water Working Group – Bill Hughes
- 319 Projects, Crosstown Ponds – Mike McCarville
- Kalamazoo Environmental Council – Jim Jeakle
- Portage Environmental Board – Bill Hughes
- Leaf Composting/Recycling – Jim Jeakle, Bill Steinmann

Members expressed interest in developing a Wetlands Protection Ordinance

### **NEW BUSINESS:**

- New Members – all applicants for ECC membership have indicated that they are too busy at this time to become members. Carolyn Rutland will ask Kris Martin to place another announcement in the “View from the Curb” publication.

### **SUB-COMMITTEE REPORTS:**

- Planning Commission – Tom Hohm reported on the August 4, 2005 Planning Commission meeting. Keith Hernandez, the new City Planner, was introduced. The Commission approved abandonment of right-of-way on Crosstown Parkway and Maple Street to facilitate a new Girl Scout building.
- Tree Committee – Ted Lupina reported that the committee met August 16, 2005 and denied a City request to remove a city-owned black walnut tree and approved a request to remove two trees to improve access to the parking lot

### **ADJOURNMENT:**

The meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:55 p.m.

Transcribed and respectfully submitted,



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Department of Public Services  
Harrison Street Facility