

ENVIRONMENTAL CONCERNS COMMITTEE

March 16, 2016 **DRAFT** MEETING MINUTES

MEMBERS PRESENT: James Timmons, Paul Manstrom , Olga Button, Margy Belchak, Olga Button, Matt Fletcher, James Jeakle, and Chris Wahmhoff

EXCUSED ABSENCE: Lauri Holmes, Todd Ide, Richard Voorman

STAFF: Sue Foune, City Staff Liaison

OTHERS: Phil Dietrich and Nora Gimpel, ECC Applicants

APPROVAL of the January 16, 2016 & February 17, 2016 MEETING MINUTES:

Ms. Belchak, seconded by Mr. Manstrom, moved approval of the January 16, 2016 and the February 17, 2016 minutes as submitted. With a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Mr. Manstrom, supported by Mr. Dietrich, moved approval of the March 16, 2016 agenda as submitted. With a voice vote, the motion carried unanimously.

ANNOUNCEMENTS: *Housing Conference.*

NON-AGENDA COMMENTS BY OTHERS:

- Southwest Michigan Sustainable Business Forum – Nora – “Green Drinks” on March 22nd, 5:30 – 8:30 p.m. at Louie’s, North and Walbridge.

OLD BUSINESS:

- Imagine Kalamazoo – Sustainability Survey. Will be further discussed at next meeting.

NEW BUSINESS

- ECC Imagine It Report
- Change by-laws to vote electronically
- Use of Climate Change Action Plan

SUBCOMMITTEE REPORTS:

- *Kalamazoo River*
- *Kalamazoo Environmental Council*
- *Portage Environmental Board*
- *City of Kalamazoo Planning Commission*
- *Tree Committee*
- *Asylum Lake Policy & Management Council*
- *Parks & Recreation Advisory Board*
- *City Master Plan-*

The sub-committee reports were deferred to the next meeting.

ADJOURNMENT: The meeting adjourned at 6:10 pm.