

**REGULAR MEETING
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION
City of Oakdale
January 14, 2019**

CALL TO ORDER

A regular meeting of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) of the City of Oakdale was held on Monday, January 14, 2019 at the Oakdale Municipal Building, 1584 Hadley Avenue North, Oakdale, Minnesota. The meeting was called to order by Chairperson Miller at 7:00 p.m.

CALL OF ROLL

On a call of roll, the following were present:

Present:	Keith Miller Nick Kantola Gretel Drainville Noah Gerding
Absent:	Caitlin Bergh Bonnie Wilson James Persoon

Also Present: Jennifer Hassebroek, Sr. Community Development Specialist

APPROVAL OF MINUTES

IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER KANTOLA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GERDING, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION WORKSHOP MEETING OF THE SEPTEMBER 17, 2018 MINUTES.

4 AYES.

OPEN FORM

None

ELECTION OF COMMISSION CHAIR AND VICE-CHAIR

Chair Miller explained the process for nominating a candidate for each position of Chair and Vice Chair.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KANTOLA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER MILLER FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR.

4 AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KANTOLA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, TO CLOSE THE NOMINATIONS FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR.

4 AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KANTOLA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GERDING, TO ELECT COMMISSIONER MILLER FOR THE POSITION OF CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR, COMMENCING WITH THE JANUARY 14, 2019 MEETING.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER KANTOLA, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, TO NOMINATE COMMISSIONER PERSOON FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR.

4 AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER GERDING, TO CLOSE THE NOMINATION FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR.

4 AYES.

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER GERDING, SECONDED COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, TO ELECT COMMISSIONER PERSOON FOR THE POSITION OF VICE CHAIR OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION FOR A PERIOD OF ONE (1) CALENDAR YEAR, COMMENCING WITH THE JANUARY 14, 2019 MEETING.

4 AYES.

2019 PROJECTS

Ms. Hassebroek stated the 2040 Comprehensive Plan Update was approved by the City Council and submitted to the Metropolitan Council, and the following programs/studies have been identified for the EMC to focus on this year:

Immediate Priorities

Study of Electric Vehicle (EV) Options:

She explained that Oakdale has a role in EV adoption in both planning for private and public infrastructure to promote EV use. Ms. Hassebroek said staff will complete a study in the near future and present the finds to the EMC for review and recommendation to the City Council.

Complete Zoning Ordinance Update for Solar:

Ms. Hassebroek reminded the commission they had reviewed a zoning code update that would allow for ground mounted and roof mounted solar energy collectors as a permitted accessory use in residential zoning districts. She noted the ground mounted portion of the proposed amendment needs adjustment.

Expand Solar Twin Cities:

She said Oakdale participated in Solar Twin Cities, a group purchasing program for residential and commercial property owners in the metro area. Ms. Hassebroek pointed out the first round the program participants met significant sales milestones. She noted that Oakdale will serve as a public information meeting host site and promoter of the program in 2019.

Other New Projects

Ms. Hassebroek brought up the following projects to start thinking about:

1. On-site utility bill clinics at multi-family properties in partnership with the Citizen's Utility Board
2. Promotion of Xcel Energy's multi-family energy conservation audit and incentive program
3. Plastics recycling and reuse options study
4. Update of the Generation Green Building Program
5. Creative re-use of stormwater options study
6. Community gardens and farming study

Ongoing Projects

Ms. Hassebroek discussed the following ongoing projects:

1. GreenStep Cities implementation and metrics reporting
2. Monitor rooftop and community solar garden subscriptions
3. Promote energy-related commercial and residential loan programs
4. Washington County Recycling Grant projects

Commissioner Kantola noted that single hauler waste collection study was not on the list for 2019 projects.

Chair Miller supported a discussion with the City Council of single hauler waste collection options due to degradation of roads and safety. Chair Miller noted timing of this discussion of a study was important, as was the need for support from the City Council.

Chair Miller also noted importance of updating Generation Green Building Program and creative re-use of stormwater.

Commissioner Drainville asked about whether the EV study would cover what to do with the battery for disposal or in the event of an emergency.

Chair Miller noted the importance of continuing to getting grant funding to help with environmental projects, as well as working with commercial properties.

OTHER BUSINESS

Ms. Hassebroek reminded the commission there will be a joint workshop with City Council on February 12, 2019 at 5:00 PM. She also brought up the handout of the Star Tribune January 5, 2019 article on state climate goals.

NEXT MEETING DATE

Ms. Hassebroek said the next EMC meeting is February 11, 2019.

ADJOURNMENT

A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER KANTOLA, TO ADJOURN THE JANUARY 14, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKDALE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AT 7:41 P.M.

4 AYES.

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Hannigan