

**REGULAR MEETING  
ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION  
City of Oakdale  
April 15, 2019**

**CALL TO ORDER**

A regular meeting of the Environmental Management Commission (EMC) of the City of Oakdale was held on Monday, April 15, 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, Chairperson  
Bonnie Wilson  
James Persoon  
Gretel Drainville

Absent: Caitlin Bergh  
Nick Kantola  
Noah Gerding

Also Present: Susan Olson, City Council Liaison  
Jen Hassebroek, Sr. Community Development Specialist

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

**IT WAS MOVED BY COMMISSIONER PERSOON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER WILSON, TO APPROVE THE MINUTES OF THE ENVIRONMENTAL MANAGEMENT COMMISSION (EMC) MEETING OF THE FEBRUARY 11, 2019 MINUTES.**

**4 AYES.**

**OPEN FORM**

Chairperson Miller welcomed Keely Sorentas from Conservation Minnesota, who came to observe the EMC in order to see what kind of environmental issues the city is working on.

**WASHINGTON COUNTY RECYCLING GRANT 2019**

Ms. Hassebroek explained that each year Oakdale receives grant funds from Washington County to help cover the costs of coordinating, licensing and educating the public about recycling and solid waste services.

Ms. Hassebroek said that while Washington County is typically on a 2 year grant cycle, this year is a 1 year cycle to allow them to re-evaluate the format and timeline of the grant funding cycle.

Ms. Hassebroek stated the city recently submitted the 2019 grant application with a total grant request for \$73,435. She noted each city in Washington County receives a base funding amount (BFA) according to the number of households in the city and Oakdale receives a \$30,000 BFA.

Ms. Hassebroek noted that Oakdale is eligible for a total of \$22,708 in 2019 project funding and Oakdale requested a total of \$20,727 for incentive funding. She summarized the following projects:

## PROJECTS

1. Washington County Environmental Center Ad in the Oakdale Update
2. New Resident Recycling and Waste Information
3. Multi-Family Recycling Promotion
4. Biz Recycling Promotion

## INCENTIVE PROJECTS

1. New Common Space Recycling and Waste Bins
2. Resident Recycling Magnet

Commissioner Drainville stated she really liked the magnet for educating residents on the proper way to recycle.

In response to Chairperson Miller's question of labeling the bins to coordinate with the county, Ms. Hassebroek said it is the same bin system as the county is using. She pointed out that we are only talking about the internal recycling bins at this point but eventually we would like to have them in the parks as well.

## STORMWATER EDUCATION CAMPAIGN

Ms. Hassebroek reminded the EMC that stormwater drain education to the residents was discussed at a joint meeting. She noted that later this year, the City's social media pages, website and the Oakdale Update will feature information on what to keep out of storm drains. She said the social media pages would be good for having a tip a day on safety tips. She stated the City's website would condense all the information to be in one place.

She said some of this information comes from the Adopt a Storm Drain program and explained this program is similar to Adopt a Wetland but adopting your own drain.

Ms. Hassebroek noted the City would like to promote Adopt a Storm Drain, but at this time, the program is not displaying correct storm drain information for Oakdale and other cities. She pointed out that promotion of this specific program will be delayed until the residents are able to accurately locate drains.

In the meantime, Ms. Hassebroek said the City will proceed with the stormwater drain education to residents.

Chairperson Miller expressed how well this goes along with our Adopt a Wetland program and looks forward to the day when we will be a part of the Adopt a Storm Drain program. Chairperson Miller said some residents do not live near a wetland but need to know their storm drain may still drain into a wetland. Ms. Hassebroek and Chairperson Miller both agreed this is a different way to get at the same goal of keeping things out of the wetland.

**INFORMATIONAL ITEMS & COMMISSIONER UPDATES**

**METRO ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION GATHERING 2019 RECAP**

Chairperson Miller attended the meeting. He summarized the presentations to the commission and said he was very impressed by them.

In response to Commissioner Wilson's question on whether the City website or update has a calendar of environmentally related activities, Ms. Hassebroek said all major events/meetings are on the website calendar.

Ms. Hassebroek announced the following dates for the second round of the Solar Twin Cities education sessions held at Oakdale City Hall from 6:30 to 8:00 PM: Wednesday, May 15 and Monday, August 5. She said this information will be included in the summer Oakdale Update.

Commissioner Drainville encouraged all residents to attend the Arbor Day Tree Giveaway to be held on April 27, bring your identification and receive a free tree. She also looked forward to the tree planting events in the future.

Ms. Hassebroek reminded everyone there will be a shred it event to be held along with the tree give away and a school collection fundraiser at the same time. She also said there will be a Landscape Revival plant sale in the Oakdale City Hall parking lot on Saturday, June 8 from 9:00 AM to 1:00 PM.

**NEXT MEETING DATE**

Chairperson Miller said the next EMC meeting is May 20, 2019.

**ADJOURNMENT**

**A MOTION WAS MADE BY COMMISSIONER OLSON, SECONDED BY COMMISSIONER DRAINVILLE, TO ADJOURN THE APRIL 15, 2019 REGULAR MEETING OF THE OAKDALE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AT 7:39 PM.**

**4 AYES.**

Respectfully submitted by Cathy Hannigan