



LEESBURG ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMISSION

**Tuesday
November 1, 2022
7:00 P.M.**

Town Hall
Lower Level Conference Room 2
25 West Market Street

COMMISSIONERS

Julie Bolthouse (24)
Kohler Brafford (24)
Leigh Anne Faugust (24)
Martha Jones (24)
Ami Mason (22)
Bill Replogle (22)
Paul Sheaffer (22)

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Mission: To promote and protect the environmental interests of the Town.

MEETING AGENDA

November 1, 2022

7:00 P.M. Lower Level Conference Room 2, Town Hall

1. Call to Order
 - a. Meeting Recording Disclosure
2. Approval of Agenda
3. Approval of Minutes:
 - a. October 4, 2022*
4. Chairperson's Statement
5. Petitioners
6. Old Business
 - a. Fall Clean up event debrief
 - b. Recycling Discussion
 - c. Tree Planting Initiative
 - d. Review of Strategic Plan Tasks

7. New Business

8. Staff Items

9. Adjournment

(*) Material attached

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Town of Leesburg Environmental Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
October 4, 2022

The Town of Leesburg's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) met on October 4, 2022 at 7:00 p.m. in the Town Hall at 25 West Market St., Leesburg, Virginia.

Call to Order: Chair Sheaffer called the meeting to order at 7:03 p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Sheaffer, Julie Bolthouse, Kohler Brafford, Leigh Anne Faugust, Ami Mason, and Martha Jones.

Absent : Bill Replogle

Petitioners: None

Observers: Phil Marshall and Jennifer Chu

Staff Representative: Richard Klusek

Paul Sheaffer stated: "It is the practice of the Town of Leesburg to record meetings of the Town's standing boards and commissions. All Town Council, Board, and Commission meetings are recorded and can be found on the Town's Web Site at www.LeesburgVA.gov .

Approval of Agenda: The agenda was approved 6-0-1 (motion by Bolthouse, second by Mason) with the addition of discussing Battlefield Parkway – Route 15 interchange under new business and Tree commission cooperation under old business.

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes of August 2, 2022 were approved 6-0-1 (motion by Bolthouse, second by Sheaffer).

Chairperson's Statement: Let's move to the old business items.

Old Business:

- a. ***Air Quality Meters*** Rene (DPW) and building supervisor looking at power availability and using town/public WIFI. Rich hasn't heard any new information.
- b. ***Recycling Discussion:***
 - i) Paul attended the Loudoun County Environment Commission, and found they have a net zero goal. Their annual work plan is approved in advanced by the council. Currently, there are no recycling initiatives included in the county EC work plan.
 - ii) Paul sent a letter on behalf of the EAC to Town Council and it should be discussed at the November 28 @ 7:00pm working session. We suggested that town support town residents to either bring glass to purple bins or throw in the

trash (not single-stream recycling). EAC may want to start an “unlearning” campaign – to let people know that glass does NOT go in single-stream recycling. iii) Rene plans to reach out to Patriot (again) for a tour as they have haven’t been responsive to previous request.

- c. **Fall Cleanup Event:** Oct 22 @ 10am – this is a 1-day event at Raflo Park. Julie and Paul have been working on getting a table at Farmer’s Market and they haven’t gotten very far because people aren’t responding. We decided to hold the event at Raflo Park. We may want to boost a Facebook post about the event. Motion to spend \$50 to boost Facebook ad about event (motion by Bolthouse, second by Shaefer) passed 6-0-1. Rich will get in touch with DPW about providing supplies like gloves, vests and bags. We will ask Leah to post general information and email to email list.
- d. **Tree Commission:** EAC has brought up using the term “Treesburg” to connect Leesburg with tree initiatives. The Tree Commission likes the idea and name but aren’t sure what to do with it. Developers have to replace trees or put money in a fund. There is some confusion about the ordinance over how this money is spent. Bill Ference said he’s used this money in the past. And the town lawyer is working on making it so the Tree Commission can use this money (will discuss on Oct 24 meeting Council meeting). Currently, if the money isn’t spent it could go back to the developers. Academies of Loudoun looked at a tree canopy project and Tyler knew about it – but they’ve lost historical data because people have moved on.

New Business:

- a. **Battlefield Parkway / Route 15 Interchange** Discussed the impact of the project. While this is not necessarily a welcomed change, this doesn’t appear to be something that the EAC will take action on.

Staff Items:

- a. The town is recruiting to hire for the position of Emergency Management Manager and the Sustainability position. The Solar power company that presented to EAC is interested in doing a project of ground solar energy project.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:23 pm approved 6-0-1 (motioned by Bolthouse, second by Faugust)