



Town of Leesburg Environmental Advisory Commission
Meeting Minutes
June 4th, 2024

The Town of Leesburg's Environmental Advisory Commission (EAC) met on June 4th, 2024, at 6:30 p.m. in the Town Hall at 25 West Market St., Leesburg, Virginia.

Call to Order: Chair Sheaffer called the meeting to order at 6:33p.m.

Roll Call:

Present: Paul Sheaffer, Julie Bolthouse, Katherine Murphy, Laura Karwoski, Ami Mason, and Cherie Jones

Absent: Leigh Anne Faugust and Katherine Murphy

Petitioners: None

Observers: None

Staff Representatives: Deb Moran, Renee LaFolettee

Chair 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 5-0-2 (motion by Sheaffer, second by Bolthouse).

Approval of Minutes: The meeting minutes of May 7th with amendment to add Ami Mason to absent commissioners (motion by Bolthouse, second by Sheaffer) were approved 2-0-3-2.

Chairperson's Statement: Welcome new commissioners!

Petitioners' Time: None

Staff Items:

- a. State of the Recycling – discussion about the state of plastic recycling (if it's really being recycled) and glass recycling as well as Loudoun's purple bin program; educational campaign was discussed; simplify the recycling program and update promotional material to match, possibly consider recycle app (\$10,000 - \$15,000) or a mailer; tagging of contamination was considered.

Sheaffer to draft recommendation for Town Council, will be voted on via email prior to next meeting.

- b. Compost Corral – Public works building division is going to construct the corral using the funding that the EAC dedicated to the project. Planned to be completed in summer as staff has time.

Old Business:

- a. Community Orchard – Sheaffer plans to reach out to the tree commission and park and recreation commission to discuss. He also plans to define what type of orchard might make sense.
- b. Strategic Plan Tracker:
 - a. Consideration of banning gas powered leaf blowers in Town – Mason Lead
 - b. Everyone look through for August Meeting!

New Business:

- a. LCPS breaking ground on a geothermal at Balls Bluff Elementary!
- b. No meeting in July! Next meeting August 6th.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 8:26 pm approved 5-0-2 (motion by Bolthouse, second by Karwoski).