

**ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COUNCIL
MEETING MINUTES
April 15, 2024**

Present: Jane Vohwinkel, Carol Descutner, Frank Mischler, Marissa Riggi, Steve Schultz, Brooke V, Luke Wolfe, Eileen Torre (Village Liaison), Jeff Hahn, Thomas Frank

Absent: Jon Nickerson, Ben Vilonen (DPW)

Jane called the meeting to order at 7:19.

Marissa made a motion to accept the agenda, seconded by Steve and carried.

Marissa made a motion to accept the minutes of the March Meeting, seconded by Carol and carried.

Jane announced that Jon and Joshua could not attend the meeting.

CLIMATE SMART COMMUNITIES:

Luke reported that Williamsville ended up with approximately 132 points for our Bronze Certification.

UBRI can assist in establishing priority items for Silver Certification.

Community Plan is on the website. There are public meetings to update the current Community Plan. Question whether the current Plan meet the requirements.

It is important to make sure everything is documented for the greatest number of points. Goal for Silver Certification is January 2025.

BIOSWALES:

Work dates have been changed to May 11.

Brownies will work on South Long this week.

The Girl Scouts will be working in Glen Park.

Williamsville South Environmental Club will be working on the Bioswales on Spring Street.

Marissa will provide native plant seeds that have been stratified to spread in the Bioswales.

Brooke was given hold harmless agreements for the students from Williamsville South.

GREEN UP DAY:

Ben Ansell sent emails to all business in the Village. Minimal response. Eileen will ask Ben Ansell to resend the email on Tuesday.

EARTH DAY 2024 (June 1, 2024):

Jane reviewed the list of participants

Participants will be asked to bring their own tables and chairs because Village supplies are limited.

Jeff Hahn addressed the group and said that several committees in the Village have openings for volunteers, especially the Planning Board.

GOOD OF THE ENVIRONMENT:

Eileen reported that she has Seed packets to distribute to the volunteers working on the Bioswales

NEXT MEETING:

Due to conflicts, the next meeting of the Environmental Advisory Council will be held on Thursday, May 9 at 7:15 at Village Hall.

There being no further business, Marissa made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Steve and carried.

Meeting adjourned at 8:48.

Respectfully submitted
Frank Mischler