

**ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING (Virtual)  
May 12, 2021**

**Attendance**

Members Present (via Zoom Call): Patrick Walker, Chris Babb, Sarah Flem, Katie Stock, Lauren Albarella, Chris Pagan

City Council Representative: Sarah Stankorb-Taylor  
City Staff: Mike Lippert (Staff Representative)  
Rob Nicolls (New Public Works Director)  
Rusty Herzog, Acting City Manager

**Start of Meeting**

Mike Lippert and Rusty Herzog introduced Rob Nicolls, the new Public Works director.

**Approval of April 14, 2021 Meeting Minutes**

The April 14, 2021 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

**Solid Waste/Recycling Update**

Mike stated that 74.1 tons of material were collected on Junk Day. This is a decrease of 20 tons from Junk Day in September 2020.

**Up Cycle/Junk Day**

Logistics for Upcycle Day, including the use of Oak Park, worked very well. With Upcycle Day volunteer partners, Reuse Center; Goodwill; Junk King; Matthew 25 Ministries, A2C2, Teracycle, and Eco, a total of 30,465 pounds (15.2 tons) of waste was collected for reuse. This is an increase of 1,445 pounds over the previous Upcycle Day on September 11, 2020. ESC and the City of Wyoming was successful in diverting waste by facilitating reuse and recycling reducing the City's costs and our environmental impact.

ESC will draft letters of appreciation to the volunteer partner companies for their support and contribution.

Patrick collected cans of paint that was not allowed by Matthew 25 Ministries. He has worked to combine the usable paint into five 5-gallon buckets. Mike and Sarah will check to see if any of this paint could be utilized by the City, for example at park restrooms or camp rooms. ESC will plan on better monitoring paint collection at the next Upcycle Day so there would not be so much extra paint leftover. Special thanks were given to Patrick for all his coordination efforts on Upcycle Day.

Wyoming citizens suggested at the next Upcycle day to collect light bulbs, clean prescription bottles, and books.

**Follow Up Eco Event for Styrofoam Collection**

ESC discussed coordinating with Eco and organizing a Styrofoam collection in January 2022. ESC believes this would capitalize on all the packaging people may have from the holidays. ESC would need to advertise starting three months before the event to make sure people are aware and will collect their Styrofoam for reuse.

## **Update on ESC Magnet**

Debby has received the estimated cost of both printing the magnet (\$3205.00) and postage for delivery to all Wyoming residents (\$1050.00); the total estimated cost of \$4250.00 is substantially higher than the \$2500.00 that ESC had originally determined. ESC agreed to discuss if there were any options for the magnet including sizing, magnet type, how the magnet is provided to our citizens, etc. This issue will be added to the next meeting agenda for discussion.

Chris P. will do some research to see if there are any Clean Ohio grant funds that may could be requested for ESC educational and/or marketing materials.

## **Joint Ventures with Urban Forestry**

ESC and Urban Forestry conducted the rain garden maintenance on May 8. Special thanks to ESC member Lauren Albarella and her daughter Julia and Urban Forestry members Todd Wales and Bobbi Strangfeld. They were able to give it a weeding and a grass trim. Spring cleanup is very worthwhile and keeps the rain garden properly functioning to capture and filter stormwater.

Mike told ESC about Urban Forestry's upcoming garden tour and encouraged everyone to attend.

Community Garden- There is a suggestion to have ESC and Urban Forestry partner to have volunteer clean up events twice a year. This is needed to make sure the compost bins are taken care of and in good working order.

## **Stormwater Task Force Update**

Sarah provided a status update on the efforts of the stormwater task force. Data from the survey has been collected and has started to be analyzed. The task force is planning on meeting with City staff to discuss next steps.

## **Education Plan**

ESC began to discuss their education plan. ESC agreed several of the projects that they have worked on in the past few years should still be included.

- Green Your School contest
- Green Your Business Award
- Upcycle Day
- Joint Ventures with Urban Forestry
- Fall Fest Outreach

The education plan and any budget or City Council actions needed to implement the education plan and the City's Master Plan will continue to be discussed at later ESC meetings.

## **Next Meeting**

The next ESC meeting will be on June 9, 2021. We are planning on meeting in person.

