

ENVIRONMENTAL STEWARDSHIP COMMISSION MEETING

July 8, 2020

Attendance

Members Present: Sarah Stankorb-Taylor, Patrick Walker, Caroline Ammerman, Chris Babb, Katie Lawrence, Katie Stock, Dennis Healy

City Staff: Terry Huxel (Staff Representative)

Approval of June 10, 2020 Meeting Minutes

The June 10, 2020 meeting minutes were approved with no changes.

Recycling Update

Simply Recycling has ended its services in Wyoming due to the pandemic. The amount typically picked up by Simply Recycling had been under one ton per year, so it was not a big impact in Wyoming's recycling rate.

Spring Clean Up – Junk Day

Dennis Healy will draft a letter from ESC which will recommend that Junk Day be permanently cancelled for the following reasons:

- 1) The extra cost to the City. This extra pick-up typically costs \$13,000-\$18,000. It is anticipated that these costs are likely to keep increasing in coming years.
- 2) The items that are picked up by Rumpke on Junk Day can be put out on the curb for regular garbage pick-up, as long as special instructions for large items are followed. These instructions are provided on the City's website at <https://wyomingohio.gov/garbage-recycling-yard-waste/garbage/>. Therefore, Wyoming residents will not lose service.
- 3) Encouraging the community to send waste to the landfill instead of seeking recycling options is not consistent with the City of Wyoming's Master Plan.

The draft letter will be circulated to ESC members for review/approval and then provided to Lynn Tetley by July 17, 2020. Lynn will then present the letter to City Council on July 20th for their determination of whether or not to send it to the Committee of the Whole on July 28th to be voted on.

Patrick volunteered to create a master list of places that will accept items normally put out on Junk Day in order to provide Wyoming residents with an alternative. This list will be posted on the City's website and will indicate if places are restricting their hours due to Covid.

Green Your School Mini-Grants

- ESC will wait to see what happens with school in the Fall to see how to proceed with this program.

Rain Garden Maintenance

- The rain garden maintenance work has not been scheduled. This will happen at a later time. The work may be restricted to a small group to allow for physical distancing.

Eblast

- Dennis will look at old eblasts and choose one to send out. Caroline volunteered to write a blast on nature activities that children could do who are stuck at home.

Other Issues

- Caroline shared a concern of a Wyoming resident regarding the idling of City of Wyoming vehicles. Terry indicated that the crews idled their trucks in the heat to be able to keep the air conditioning going in their cabs. He indicated that he would talk to his workers to see if there were ways to reduce the idling.

Next Meeting

The next ESC meeting will be on August 11, 2020. It will be an in-person meeting at the Wyoming City Council Chambers unless there is a request to hold it on Zoom.