

**Environmental Advisory Committee
November 19, 2020
Remote meeting
Minutes**

1. Attendance: Meeting called to order at 7:04 p.m.

Member	
Julie Petrik	X
Daniel Brooks	X
Mari Masalin-Cooper (Secretary)	Absent
Sarah Jo Sautter	X
Bridget McKinley	X
Vacancy	
Aaron Retish	X
Ben Falik (Chair)	Absent
David Egan	X
Vacancy (student representative)	
Jeff Jenks (Commission Liaison)	
Tara Pieron (DPW)	X
Amy Sullivan (City Manager)	X
Public Participants:	

2. Approval of October 2020 Minutes: Approved
3. Food compost media campaign: We posted one message with graphics on social media last week. Sarah Jo will work on more posts. We may need to shift to recycling messaging during the winter. The Committee asked Amy to resend Bridget’s infographic created earlier this summer. Sarah will resend the Google doc link to the Committee.
4. Solar ordinance update: Amy reviewed a memo she had prepared for the Planning Commission based on the discussion at their October meeting. She went over the recently adopted West Bloomfield ordinance that addresses concerns about aesthetics. The Committee thought that adding solar panels that are Inconspicuous to the ordinance would provide the Planning Commission with aesthetic-type guardrails. Amy suggested the EAC find examples of conspicuous and inconspicuous solar panels and she shared one she recently took of a bank in Southfield. The Committee would like propose an alternate ordinance that replaces the 10% standard for front-facing panels with language similar to the West Bloomfield ordinance.
5. Committee name – Aaron suggested the name of the EAC be updated to reflect the direction the committee is going. Ferndale and Pleasant Ridge are called the Sustainability Committee. Amy will get the by-laws for the Committee to see how to make the name

change and to make sure they are compatible with the proposed name change. This can be discussed further in January.

6. 2021 meeting schedule – the schedule was distributed to the Committee for their calendars.
7. New Business - None
8. Committee member remarks - None
9. Next meeting: January 21, 2021
10. Adjournment: 7:42 pm