

## BERKLEY ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE

Meeting of September 26, 2019

6:30 PM Public Safety Building 2nd Floor

### AGENDA

1. Call to Order – 6:35 pm
2. Welcome and Introductions
  - Members – Mark Richardson, Audrey Pace, Jess Heath, Roman Laczkovich
  - Council Liaison – Ross Gavin
  - Guests – Chris Bobryk
3. Agenda Approved by vote of 5-0
4. Minutes of January 2019 meeting approved
5. Chairperson's Report – M. Richardson
  - City Council approved the energy plan at meeting in August
  - Next year's budget will include a facilities manager, which includes energy manager roles. Will discuss in further detail next month.
  - Discussion of proposed bike corral at next year's Irish Fest.
6. City Council Liaison Report – Councilperson Gavin
  - City Council has retained Carlisle/Wortman to update Master Plan
    - M. Richardson would like to have a more active role in this, specifically as it relates to transportation.
  - Planning Commission approved marijuana facilities in the City as Special Land Use. Will go to City Council in October
7. Action Item: Electronics Recycling Day – October 26
  - D. Scheuller has indicated the only date available for event is October 26. Looking for 5-10 volunteers.
  - Would likely be at the community center site.
  - Voted on and approved electronics recycling day.
8. Presentation: CRWC Watertowns Initiative
  - Chris Bobryk from Clinton River Watershed Council provided presentation on Watertowns program

- Program to help communities reconnect with water resources
- Funding is coming up for renewal soon so additional communities may have opportunity to participate
- \$5,000 mini grants are available to help spur projects
- Completely free to all communities. 8 month process, including 3 meetings, and development of plans. Would need community resolution.
- Next steps would be to bring DPW, City Council members, etc. for initial meeting.
- CRWC budget will be finalized in December. Process would not start until April 2020.
- Vote to make recommendation to Council to become a Watertown. Motion passes 5-0.

9. Old Business

- Recycler of the Year – Brandon to look into updating the applications and prizes. Were discussing awarding around November 15. However, discussed moving to an Earth Day award.
- Rain Barrels – Set up a presentation and provide PR for a rain barrel company. Michigan Rain Barrel. Jess Heath has volunteered to follow up. Will shoot for a February or March presentation.

10. New Business – None

11. Announcements

12. Meeting Adjourned – 7:45