

**Minutes
Royal Oak Environmental Advisory Board Meeting
Mahany/Meininger Senior Community Center
3500 Marias Avenue
Royal Oak, MI 48067**

**Wednesday, May 24th, 2023
7:00pm**

1. Chair Amanda Herzog called the meeting to order at 7:09pm.
2. The agenda was approved unanimously.
3. April 2023 minutes were approved unanimously.
4. Public Comment: none.
5. New Business.
 - a. Susan Barkman, assistant to the city manager, reported that the city's S-Cap goal would be added to the city's website and spending would be noted.
 - b. Summertime EAB makeup meetings were scheduled for June 7th and August 2nd.
 - c. A written request from State Representative Helena Scott asking us to support her bill placing some regulation on neonicotinoid pesticides was considered too weak. Paul Vial volunteered to contact Rep. Scott and urge an Ontario-like ban instead.
 - d. All EAB members were encouraged to take the Royal Oak School District sustainability survey on their website, and to encourage the district to pursue a sustainability plan.
6. Director of Public Services and Recreation Report: Aaron Filipski.
 - a. Aaron reported on SOCRRA refuse/recycling tonnage.
7. Unfinished business
 - a. Members of the EAB agreed that the chair should urge the city to hire a full-time Sustainability manager to implement the s-cap plan.
 - b. Tom Regan reported that the Community Garden would likely expand to Oakland Elementary in Spring 2024 and possibly to Oak Ridge and/or Royal Oak Middle School.

The meeting adjourned around 8:50pm.