

CITY OF OAK PARK RECYCLING AND ENVIRONMENTAL CONSERVATION COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES JUNE 18, 2026

Meeting held at the Community Center at 7:00 PM in Recreation Room A

1. THE MEETING WAS CALLED TO ORDER AT 6:08 PM

2. ROLL CALL

Present:

Chairperson and Secretary Natalie Sturm, Vice Chairperson Jonathan Nachman (minus Stephanie), Commission members Kenneth Sherman, Kyle Soule, Steven Gold, Clarissa Clemons, Leslie Ellis and Edna Rubin, and City Liaison Erik Nock

Absent:

City Council Liaison Stephanie Crawford

3. APPROVAL OF THE AGENDA

Call for amendments:

Steven Gold requests adding the city 4th of July celebration under New Business.

Natalie Sturm requests reviewing funding and planned purchases under Old Business.

Motion to approve as amended:

Moved by Steven Gold, seconded by Kenneth Sherman

Vote: Yes: All

No: None

Motion declared adopted

4. APPROVAL OF MINUTES

Call for corrections:

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Jonathan Nachman requests the correction of the spelling of Kenneth Sherman's name.

Motion to approve as amended:

Moved by Jonathan Nachman, seconded by Leslie Ellis

Vote: Yes: All

No: None

Motion declared adopted

5. CONSIDERATION OF OLD BUSINESS

a. SOCCRA update: Staff Liaison Erik Nock reported continuing improvement in accuracy of reporting of waste and recycling volumes from SOCCRA.

b. Discussion of funding and planned purchases: Based on review of stock of local businesses, Natalie Sturm proposed purchasing twelve pickers from \$407.88 pre tax. Additionally proposed purchasing two sandwich board-style sign boards for up to \$100 in total.

Motion to approve purchase of pickers:

Moved by Leslie Ellis, seconded by Kyle Soule

Roll Call Vote: Yes: All

No: None

Motion declared adopted

Motion to approve purchase of signboards:

Moved by Kenneth Sherman, seconded by Kyle Soule

Roll Call Vote: Yes: All

No: None

Motion declared adopted

Motion to approve funding:

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Moved by Kenneth Sherman, seconded by Steven Gold

Roll Call Vote: Yes: All

No: None

Motion declared adopted

6. NEW BUSINESS

a. City Council Report: n/a

b. Communications Report: Natalie Sturm confirmed that funds were allocated for the city library World Kindness Day cardmaking event.

c. Report on Past Events: Discussed switching dates of the rain barrel and lawn seminars to facilitate purchases of rain barrels from local conservation groups in spring. Natalie Sturm to request that pictures taken by the city at the rain barrel seminar be made available to the commission.

d. 4th of July Event: Discussed the possibility of creating recycling-themed magnets, or seeking them from SOCCRA, to distribute at future events. Leslie Ellis to reach out to SOCCRA. Discussed creating a more detailed recycling tips handout or door tag to distribute at future events.

7. PUBLIC COMMENTS

a. No public present

8. COMMISSIONER COMMENTS

a. Discussed the health of city-owned trees, with some appearing to be declining.

b. Leslie Ellis shared that food trucks be able to be commissioned for events without fees; will look into the issue further. The group discussed moving the Fall Clean Up Event to the Community Center parking lot to better coincide with the Native Plant Sale. Leslie Ellis suggested picking a specific conservation topic to focus on annually in coming years.

c. Clarissa Clemons shared article about sustainability efforts at the Royal Oak Library.

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d. Edna Rubin provided a letter from former commissioner Al Lewis; Natalie Sturm to share it with the City Council to be read in a future meeting.

9. ADJOURNMENT

Moved by Leslie Ellis, seconded by Kenneth Sherman

Vote: Yes: All

No: None

Motion declared adopted; meeting adjourned at 8:02 PM

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Minutes prepared by Natalie Sturm