

The mission of the Environmental Commission is to advise the City of Bloomington on how its actions and policies may preserve and enhance the quality of Bloomington's environment, including the life-supporting processes that natural ecological systems provide to humans and other organisms.

## **ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

21 October 2021, 6:00 PM

Join Zoom Meeting https://bloomington.zoom.us/j/83793020409?pwd=Y2pGZ1JBTFpIU2IHbVB1R2Z4anVsZz09

- 1. Call to order and quorum confirmation
- 2. Introductions:
- 3. Approval of minutes:\*
- 4. Public comment: Limit 5 minutes per person, 20 minutes total

5. Reports from: Tree Commission (TC), Monroe County Environmental Commission (MCEC), Bloomington Commission on Sustainability (BCOS), Environmental Resource Advisory Council (ERAC), Metropolitan Planning Organizing-Citizens Advisory Council (MPOCAC), Friends of Lake Monroe (FOLM), & Monroe County-Identify and Reduce Invasive Species (MC-IRIS).

- 6. Discussion from active working groups:\_
  - A. Environmental Commission Plan Commission (ECPC): (Linda Thompson) i. November Plan Commission cases
  - B. Outreach: (Ben Sharaf) i. Recap of panel discussion
- 7. Old business:

A. Restart biodiversity working group for Connectivity Plan (Ben)

- 8. New business:
  - A. Ostrom intern project
  - B. Letter of support for ban on polypropylene erosion/turf netting \*
  - C. Future guest columns in HT and future guest speakers at meetings
  - D. Discuss Dark Sky Ordinance
  - E. Discuss working with MC-IRIS on the Reduce One Invasive Species (ROIS) challenge

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- 9. Commissioner announcements:
- 10. Adjournment:

\* Item to be voted on

Next EC meeting: November 18, 2021, 6:00 p.m., TBD

Statement on public meetings during public health emergency

As a result of Executive Orders issued by the Governor, Eric Holcomb, the Commission and its committees may adjust normal meeting procedures to adhere to guidance provided by state officials. These adjustments may include:

- allowing members of the Commission and its committees to participate in meetings electronically;

- posting notices and agendas for meetings solely by electronic means;

- using electronic meeting platforms to allow for remote public attendance and participation (when possible); - encouraging the public to watch meetings via Community Access Television Services broadcast or livestream,

and encouraging remote substitution of public comment (via email, to environment@bloomington.in.gov).

As a quorum of the Commission or its committees may be present, this gathering constitutes a meeting under the Indiana Open Door Law (I.C. § 5-14-1.5). For that reason, this statement provides notice that this meeting will occur and is open for the public to attend, observe, and record what transpires.