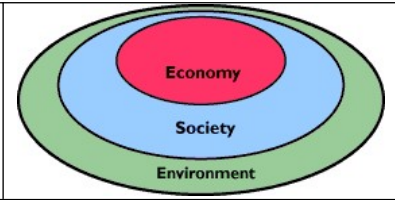




# ALLIANCE GREEN COMMISSION

## Approved Minutes

### March 14, 2022



*RESPONSIBILITY - It shall be the responsibility of the Commission to study, investigate, counsel and develop and/or update, and administer a written Sustainability Plan. (City of Alliance Ordinances Chapter 160.4)*

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## MINUTES

**Present:** Gravlee, Greiner (Chair), Mastroianni, McClagherty, Kramer, Mayor Andreani

**Called to order** at 4:31 pm by Chair M. Greiner

Minutes of the March 9, 2020 meeting were approved with minor corrections by unanimous voice vote.

The group discussed possible new appointments to the commission.

**Green Spaces and Recycling** Greiner reported that the Alliance Shade Tree Commission is hosting Regional Tree City USA -Tree Campus USA meeting at Mount Union on April 26<sup>th</sup> Discussion of tree planting needs followed.

**Green Energy)** No meetings. Gravlee reported that there have been many changes in urban energy policies and practices . A discussion of community energy followed. Net zero buildings are becoming a hot topic in architecture. She suggested that one focus should be on working with old buildings.

**Transportation.** Kramer reported and shared thanks for the Iron Horse Trail and the improvements including sidewalks along the trail at Ridgehill and Maplewood. There is a need to schedule a working group meeting to prepare proposal for bike trails in the City that connect existing trails with schools and parks.

### **New Business.**

The revised bylaws were discussed briefly.

Gravlee noted that the sustainability plan on the City web page is not the updated plan.

### **Mayor's Report**

The City is still experiencing large numbers of Covid cases.

The City Administration building is undergoing some renovation including the adjoining building that will house council chambers, meeting space, and more.

There are two EV charging stations in the City. One is at HPCC, but the other near UMU and hospital is being replaced.

LED lights have been installed at Butler Rodman and Silver Parks. City-owned streetlights, and lighting in fire stations, police station and courthouse and much of administration building have been updated to more efficient lighting. This work was done with grant money.

Furnaces and HVAC have been replaced in Administration and Engineering and in the Police Department.

The water treatment plant is recapturing gas and sludge is being dried and processed for compost.

The old garage will be converted into a rental property.

The City has elected to stay with NOPEC because they include a green option.

Significant changes are underway in the north of town near Northside School and Ely Street, Soccer fields will be installed and a conservation area including a restored pond are being remediated.

Work on existing bike and walking trails has been finished in Alliance area.

The former Stewart Brothers site is no longer classified as a brownfields site and much of it has been sold.

Discussed the need to get another GHG inventory.

Meeting adjourned at 5:23 pm

**Next commission meeting on May 9, 2022 at City Administration buildings**

**Later meetings July 11, September 12, November 14**

**Note no meetings were held in May or July**

Respectfully submitted, Chuck McClaugherty, secretary