



Meeting Date: Jan 14, 2026

Meeting Time: 5:30 P.M.

Meeting Location: City Hall, Boardroom
118 Hillsboro Avenue

EDWARDSVILLE ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Committee Members

Sarah Cundiff, Chairman Scott Weber
Susan Bautsch Jan Ruckman
Clint Soldan Cara Lytle
Michael Katich Stephanie Malench
Rachel Tompkins Anna Glauber

Ex-Officio Members

Chris Farrar, Alderman
Luca Krug, Public Works
Nate Tingley, Parks & Recreation
Marc Miller, Horticulturist

Approved Signature: /s/S. Cundiff: by Staff Liaison *Suco* Date: 2/11/26

Call to Order: 5:34pm

Roll Call: All board members were present except for Susan Bautsch. All Ex-Officio members were present except for Nate Tingley

Approval of Minutes for December 10, 2025, by Jan Ruckman, seconded by Michael Katich, all members present approved the minutes.

Public Comment/ Announcements:

Alan Vest brought up a news article he read regarding pesticide drift killing oak trees. Several board members either had oak trees affected by pesticide drift or knew someone who had oak trees affected by pesticide drift. Members stated pesticide use has doubled in the last twenty-five years. Stephanie Malench said cutting edge farm equipment using lasers to kill weeds has been developed and it eliminates the need for pesticides all together.

Amanda Lands Ramrup was in attendance

Budget: No funds were spent this month. Discussions about the current budget, future projects and changes to the budget.

Old Business:

1. Recycling – The EEC asked Eric Williams, city administrator, and Nate Tingley, Parks and Rec Director, to consider adding recycling at city parks and facilities into the new waste management contract which is currently being negotiated. Currently some city parks don't have recycling.

Yard Waste – There was a disruption in yard waste being picked up in the city due to a strike at another Republic facility. Some drivers were pulled from Edwardsville to pick up trash where the strike was occurring. Scott Weber has a large amount of yard waste from the Governor Cole monument site, and we recommended that he try to dump it at the M St city maintenance yard rather than try to put it out to the curb.

Paint Recycling – Stephanie Malench stated she dropped off some paint at the PaintCare collection site a RP Lumber.

2. Budget review/discussion:

Contractual Services – Ash trees at City Park and Pin Oaks at the dog park will be treated this spring. We will be spending most of the money in this account this year.

Operational Supplies – The costs for trees, soil and plants keeps increasing. Scott Weber has paid for soil and plant material out of his pocket for the Coles Monument site, but he is now requesting the

city pay for the soil and plant material used at the monument. We need to increase the amount of funds in this account for the 2026/2027 budget.

Main Street Planters – it was discussed that these planters will need to be replaced. Marc felt they would make it another year.

50/50 Tree Program – There was debate on whether to change the program and increase the budget or keep it the same. There was talk about paying for the cost of the trees and maybe running the program during the spring as well so fruit and magnolia trees wouldn't be excluded due to the program always being in the fall. Allowing businesses to participate was also suggested. Discussions will continue on this program

Project Allocations:

Landscaping Projects: Potential project is updated landscaping at Esic/157. This would be in addition to construction at this site. Construction start date is unknown. Sarah will reach out to Alderman Miracle for an update.

Watershed/Creek Signage – Signs not installed on IDOT right of way. Since the prevailing wage cost for installing signs in the IDOT right of way is two grand, we would need at least eight signs made which will take them about eight hours to install, minimizing the installation cost and maximizing the sign installation.

Lighting Upgrades – This was a line item in our proposed budget. It was to add smart lighting to Watershed Nature Center parking lot. Luca is going to look in to the status of this project

Recycling – It was suggested to add signage to recycling containers at Plummer Park to increase recycling participation and to reduce contamination of the recycled material. Sarah will reach out to Darin Lee from Parks to discuss.

It was discussed to potentially invite Always Green Recycling service, which currently manages the stand-alone recycling bins at the Madison County Administration building, to give a presentation regarding managing stand-alone recycling bins at city parks and facilities.

Due to another meeting in the county boardroom at 7pm, we had to end our meeting. We will continue talking about projects at the next board meeting.

New Business

Discussion:

Meeting adjourned with unanimous approval at 6:49 P.M. Scott Weber motioned to adjourn the meeting. All in favor

Next meeting will be on February 11, 2025, at 5:30 PM.

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