

**CITY OF PLYMOUTH
AGENDA
Regular Environmental Quality Committee
Medicine Lake Room
3400 Plymouth Boulevard, Plymouth, MN
May 14, 2025, 7:00 PM**

1. CALL TO ORDER

- 2. PUBLIC FORUM** - Individuals may address the committee about any item not contained on the regular agenda. A maximum of three minutes is allotted per individual with a total of 15 minutes for the forum. If the full 15 minutes are not needed for the forum, the committee will continue with the agenda. The committee will take no official action on items discussed at the forum, with the exception of referral to staff for future report.

3. PRESENTATIONS AND PUBLIC INFORMATION ANNOUNCEMENTS

- 4. APPROVE AGENDA** - Environmental Quality Committee members may add items to the agenda for discussion purposes or staff direction only. The committee will not normally take official action on items added to the agenda.

- 5. CONSENT AGENDA** - These items are considered to be routine and will be enacted by one motion. There will be no separate discussion of these items unless a committee member or individual so requests, in which event the item will be removed from the consent agenda and placed elsewhere on the agenda.

- 5.1** Adopt proposed minutes
1. EQC 04-09-2025

6. GENERAL BUSINESS

- 6.1** Plymouth Environmental Academy

7. REPORTS AND STAFF RECOMMENDATIONS

8. FUTURE MEETINGS

9. ADJOURNMENT



To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor

Reviewed by: Michael Payne, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director

Item: **Adopt proposed minutes**

1. Action Requested:

Adopt attached minutes from regular meeting held on April 9, 2025.

2. Background:

Not applicable.

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments:

1. EQC 04-09-2025

Proposed Minutes Environmental Quality Committee Meeting April 9, 2025

Chair Babcock called a Regular Meeting of the Plymouth Environmental Quality Committee to order at 7:00 p.m. in the Medicine Lake Room of City Hall, 3400 Plymouth Boulevard, on April 9, 2025.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS PRESENT: Chair Babcock, Committee members Dmytrenko, Matthiesen, Polzin, Tinjum, and Vavreck.

COMMITTEE MEMBERS ABSENT: Committee member Blakely.

STAFF PRESENT: Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich and Environmental Stewardship Coordinator Anderson

OTHERS PRESENT: Councilmember Gregor, Katie Kemmit from Stantec, and Resident Catherine Cesnik

Plymouth Forum

There was no one present to address the committee.

Presentations and Public Information Announcements

There were no presentations or public information announcements.

Approval of Agenda

Motion was made by Committee member Polzin and seconded by Committee member Tinjum to approve the agenda as presented. With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

Consent Agenda

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich noted that he did verify that Councilmember Gregor was not at the February meeting and therefore, was removed from the February minutes.

The committee provided suggested changes to the minutes. Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich confirmed that he would make the changes as suggested.

Motion was made by Committee member Polzin and seconded by Committee member Babcock to approve the consent agenda that included the following item:

(5.1) Adopt March 12, 2025, Regular Environmental Quality Committee Minutes

With all members voting in favor, the motion carried.

General Business

(6.1) Watershed Fourth Generation Management Plan Update

Katie Kemmit, Stantec, stated that the watershed has been working to create a draft of its fourth-generation management plan and provided a high-level overview of the draft plan. It was explained as to how the watershed and city plans work together, how the entities work together, and the differences between the different watershed organizations within Plymouth. It was noted that the draft plan is on the watershed website, and additional comments can be provided on the website.

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich commented that the joint powers agreement has been recently updated.

The committee asked the biggest changes to the draft plan from the previous plan, and Ms. Kemmit highlighted some of those items. It was explained how the watershed plan is used in the scheme of review for development projects and the related standards and requirements.

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich provided additional information on how this information can impact residents, conversations that could be had with residents, as well as the role that education can play. He noted that the Bassett Creek Watershed District will be providing a similar presentation later this summer.

(6.2) Plymouth Environmental Academy

Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich stated that this is a recurring agenda item and provided additional explanation. He noted a change to the schedule of meetings and members of the committee provided updates. Upcoming events were also noted.

Reports and Staff Recommendations

There were no reports or staff recommendations.

Future Meetings

Adjournment

Chair Babcock adjourned the meeting at 7:58 p.m.

To: Environmental Quality Committee

Prepared by: Ben Scharenbroich, Water Resources Supervisor

Reviewed by: Michael Payne, City Engineer/Deputy Public Works Director

Item: **Plymouth Environmental Academy**

1. Action Requested:

Updates from Environmental Quality Committee members on the 2025 Plymouth Environmental Academy

2. Background:

The Environmental Quality Committee (EQC) 2025 Work Plan includes a continuation of the Plymouth Environmental Academy (PEA), which will begin in August. The committee discussed topics at their February 12 meeting, and will continue further planning efforts for each proposed topic as listed below at its meetings this spring and summer. At the May 14 meeting, committee members should provide updates for the sessions listed below.

1. Tree Care and Food Production - August 21, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

- Committee members Babcock, Blakely and Dmytrenko
- Presenters - City Forester Paul Buck and TBD

2. Tour of Schmidt Woods Park - September 11, 2025 - 5:00 p.m

- Committee members Blakely, Dmytrenko and Vavreck
- Presenters - City of Plymouth Parks and Recreation Director Tomlinson

3. Plants, Ponds and Practices for Water Quality Tour - September 25, 2025 - 6:00 p.m

- Committee members Matthiesen and Polzin
- Presenters - Water Resources Supervisor Scharenbroich

4. Stormwater Practices 101 October 9, 2025 - 7:00 p.m.

- Committee members Matthiesen, Polzin and Tinjum
- Presenters - TBD

3. Budget Impact:

Not applicable.

4. Attachments: