



CITY OF NORMAN, OK ENVIRONMENTAL CONTROL ADVISORY BOARD MEETING

**Development Center, Conference Room B, 225 N. Webster Avenue,
Norman, OK 73069**

Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM

MINUTES

The Environmental Control Advisory Board of the City of Norman, Cleveland County, State of Oklahoma, will meet in Regular Session in the Utilities Conference Room at the Development Center, on Wednesday, July 16, 2025 at 5:30 PM and notice of the agenda of the meeting was posted at the Norman Municipal Building at 201 West Gray, Development center at 225 N. Webster, and on the City website at least 24 hours prior to the beginning of the meeting.

ROLL CALL

1. **PRESENT**

Board member Deborah Cretsinger
Board member Inger Giuffrida
Chairman Lainey Phillips
Board member Bob Nairn
Board member Sara Bondy
Board member Debbie Smith
Board Member Todd Howery

ABSENT

Vice Chair Nathalie Rocher
Board Member Eileen Grzybowski

INTRODUCE NEW MEMBERS, GUESTS & STAFF

Jerry Gates, Environmental Services Assistant Manager

Colin Zink, City of Norman Forester

ANNOUNCEMENTS

Grzybowski & Bondy received the proclamation during the city council meeting.

MINUTES

2. **APPROVAL OF MINUTES FOR THE JUNE 18, 2025 MEETING**

Motion to approve made by Board member Cretsinger, Seconded by Board member Bondy.

Voting Yea: Board member Cretsinger, Board member Giuffrida, Chairman Phillips,

DISCUSSION ITEMS

3. PRESENTATION ABOUT THE URBAN FORESTRY MASTER PLAN.

City Forester expressed the following and that he needed more manpower to assist him with these efforts.

- would like to get more neighborhoods involved in urban forestry because the trees prevent a lot of erosion which protects millions of gallons of storm water from pollution.
- estimated 1200 acres of parks
- estimated 6000 trees within the City of Norman
- estimated 1000 trees in the Westwood neighborhood alone
- 36% tree coverage in the city to include the trees in the East Norman area
- 19% tree coverage in the metro/urban areas
- Parks and Rec does plant reviews/tree identification to keep track of the native and invasive trees within the city.
- would like to see more developers and citizens planting more native trees than invasive trees.
- listed below are trees that he does NOT recommend (invasive):
 - Bradford Pear
 - Chinese Pistache
 - Silver-leaf Maple

4. DISCUSSION OF UPCOMING EVENTS

Monarchs in the Park - Discussed whether they would host a booth at the event. Decided to add this as an action item at the next meeting.

ACTION ITEMS

5. DISCUSSION AND/OR APPROVAL OF THE EDUCATIONAL TOPICS FOR POSTING

Tabled

- interested in doing a video of doable material to educate the public on the does and don'ts of how to handle grass clippings, recycling, and electronic waste

disposal while promoting the Household Hazardous Waste Facility as well as Fertile Ground.

- ask the City of Normans Chief Communications Officer to attend the next meeting to figure out the media options available.

MISCELLANEOUS COMMENTS

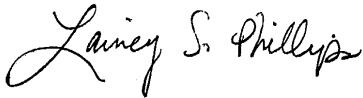
None

QUESTIONS FROM THE PUBLIC

None

ADJOURNMENT

6. TIME: 6:26 PM

A handwritten signature in cursive script that reads "Lacey S. Phillips".

ECAB Chair