



City of Battle Creek
Sustainable BC Committee
Zoom Meeting

Monday, October 27, 2025 1:30pm – 2:30pm

The purpose of this Committee is to increase the City's efforts to incorporate environmentally responsible, cost effective policy in the planning, administration and economic development of its built infrastructure and natural resources. The Committee may make recommendations to the City Commission for their consideration and will be available as a resource on sustainability policy.

The committee is grateful for the land upon which we live, and recognizes the Potawatomi Nation as the original inhabitants. The committee seeks to partner when possible with the Nottawaseppi Huron Band of the Potawatomi (NHBP) Tribe in stewardship of the land and its natural resources.

AGENDA

- **Call to Order:**
- **Introductions Committee Members & Guests**
- **Approval of Minutes:**
- **Presenter: Darcy Schmitt, City of Battle Creek Planning**
- **Reports by City Staff & Commissioners:**
 - **Environmental Programs updates:**
 - 2025 Sustainability Goals and City Commission Workshop
 - Scrap Tire Event: 13.46 tons recycled
 - Krazy for Kazoo: About 90 volunteers/200 trees planted along Jackson St
 - Tree planting continued with grant: Roughly 150 trees planted with City of Springfield, 100 trees planted with Kellenova and 50 more planted with Kurt
 - Need to update the Sustainability Plan w/new goals
 - **Upcoming City of BC Styrofoam Event:**
 - November 1st from 9-11am here at DPW!!
 - **Upcoming County Event:**
 - October 27 from 12pm-5pm: Scrap Tire Collection in Tekonsha
 - **Environmental Grants: Awarded/Pending/Pursuing**
 - **Awarded:**
 - **Pending:**
 - **Not Awarded:**

Planning Department Updates:

- **City Commission Updates:**
- **Sustainability Plan Notes:** Updates following GHS Inventory after discussion with new Commission
October 21 @ 5 pm
- **Field Trips, Trainings, Etc.:**
- **Other Business:**
- **Public Comments: none**
- **Member Comments/Announcements:**

- **Next Meeting:** 2025: February 24, April 28, June 23, Aug. 25, Oct. 27, **Dec. 22**
4th Monday of Month.

➤ **Adjournment:**

MEMBERS		
NAME	ORGANIZATION	TERM EXPIRES
1) Kristopher Martin	BC Unlimited	12/19/2025
2) Michael Wyszynski	Community Volunteer	12/19/2025
3) Christopher Bacik	Community Volunteer	01/16/2026
4) Andy Helmboldt	Community Volunteer	01/16/2026
5) Michael Hall	Community Volunteer	06/18/2026
6) Mark Stephens	Community Volunteer	08/20/2026
7) Danielle (Dee) Chauvin	Community Volunteer	11/26/2026
8) Robert (Bob) Gilbert	Community Volunteer	01/08/2027
9) Roger Bosse	Community Volunteer	05/20/2027
10) Keona Ackley	WK Kellogg Foundation	02/2025
11) VACANT		
12) VACANT		
13) VACANT		
14) VACANT		
COMMISSION MEMBERS		
1) Mark Behnke	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
2) Paige Katsarsky-Smith	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
3) Jessica LaCosse	City of Battle Creek	2024-2026 Term
CITY MEMBERS		
1) Patty Hoch-Melluish	City of Battle Creek	1/16/2026
2) Bessie Ploeg	City of Battle Creek	1/16/2026

Guests Listed:

- Kurt Tribbett (Volunteer)
- Darcy Schmitt (Planning City of Battle Creek)
- Ryan Reincke (Calhoun Conservation District)
- Jake Smith (Commissioner)