



New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board Agenda
Wednesday, May 13, 2026 6:30pm
Village Hall, 99 W. Main Street, New Albany, Ohio 43054

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I. Call to Order

The New Albany Sustainability Advisory Board held a regular meeting on May 13, 2026 at the New Albany Village Hall. Mr. Schumacher called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m. and asked to hear the roll.

II. Roll Call

Those answering roll call:

- Mr. Schumacher present
- Mr. Barnes present
- Ms. Gallo present
- Ms. Scott present
- Mr. Kocian present
- Ms. Kopelman present
- Mr. Burack present
- Council Member Kist present

Staff members present:

- Steve Mayer, Deputy Director of Public Service
- David Celebrezze, Sustainability Program Coordinator
- Jennifer Chrysler, Director, Community Development
- Will King, Operations Manager

III. Action of Minutes: April 8, 2026 Meeting Minutes

The Board adopted the April 8, 2026 regular meeting minutes by unanimous consent.

IV. Additions or Corrections to Agenda

No additions or corrections to the agenda.

V. Hearing of Visitors for Items Not on Tonight's Agenda

None.

VI. Business:

- i. Data Centers Presentation-Community Development
 - Director Chrysler gave an informational presentation on data centers in New Albany. She covered the history, planning, benefits, and answered questions.
- ii. Arbor Day Planting Recap
 - The Arbor Day planting was a success. 400 fourth graders planted 300 seedlings at Swickard Woods. The trees were donated by Williams. They also provided gift bags for the students to take home. These included a seedling, sunscreen, sunglasses, and reusable water bottle. Williams requested to be included in next year's event.
- iii. City's Tree Planting Plan Including QTS
 - The Board heard from Public Service Operations Manager—Will King presented on the street tree 5-year pruning schedule, techniques, benefits, workload distribution. He has a staff of three that are actively inventorying the number of street trees and currently has documented over 22,500 street trees in New Albany.
 - Will King described the QTS monetary tree donation which will go towards planting, maintenance, and invasive tree removal. In 2026 they donated \$34,000 to cover the



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cost of 3,149 trees. Next year (2027) they will donate \$38,000 to cover the cost of invasive species removal, maintenance cost, and 3,450 trees.

- iv. Spring Waste Collection Event Recap and Discussion
 - a. The event collected the following:
 - b. Paper shredding:7,380 lbs.
 - c. E-Waste:9,593 lbs.
 - d. HHW:14,594 lbs.
- v. The fall event will take place on October 10th at the Water's Edge parking lots (Public Service complex will be under construction). In addition to the paper, e-waste, and HHW collection the SAB supported the City teaming up with SWACO to collect old, stained, and torn textiles (such as clothes and linens) to be recycled. These materials are beyond reusing or donating. The SAB also directed staff to team up with Joseph's Coat to collect furniture that will go to households in need. The Board expressed interest in a drug take-back as well at the Collection event. Staff is looking into that.
- vi. Reminder: Volunteers Needed: SAB booth at 2026 Healthy New Albany Farmers Market: June 25th & August 27th
 - a. Ms. Scott volunteered for June 25th from 5:30pm-7pm
 - b. Mr. Kocian volunteered for June 25th 4pm-5:30pm
 - c. Mr. Burack volunteered for August 27th any time

VII. Other Business

VIII. Poll Members for Comment

- vii. Mr. Schumacher discussed the Kitzmiller Park open house. He urged that the board should weigh in on the development. CM Kist mentioned that once MKSK has drawings in place they (or City representative) could present to the SAB. Mr. Burack praised the city for the open house. Staff will check to see when the community feedback is available.

IX. Adjournment

Having no further business, Mr. Schumacher moved to adjourn the meeting at approximately 9:20p.m. Without objection, the May 13, 2026 New Albany Sustainability Board Meeting was adjourned.