



Open Space and Visual Environment Commission

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155.02 CREATION; APPOINTMENTS.

A. Creation. There is hereby created, under the authorization of Section VII of the City Charter a Commission of five members designated as the "Open Space and Visual Environment Commission."

B. Appointments. Appointments to such Commission shall be made under the provisions of Section XIX of the City Charter. (Ord. 683 AC. Passed 3-20-70.)

155.02 DUTIES; RESPONSIBILITIES.

The Open Space and Visual Environment Commission shall have the following duties and responsibilities:

A. The Commission shall advise Council, and shall monitor the plans and activities of adjacent jurisdictions, Lorain County, regional bodies, and the State of Ohio with respect to open space protection and farmland preservation, and shall evaluate the impact of these plans and activities on the City of Oberlin.

B. The Commission shall coordinate its plans with the Planning Commission, the Recreation Commission, and the Lorain County Metro Parks Board.

C. The Commission shall advise Council in the implementation of open space plans; receive and expend funds from the City as appropriated; seek gifts of land or money for the City from public and private individuals and agencies; suggest purchases of land or easements on the land for open space purposes; and propose legislative mechanisms to preserve open space areas. Such gifts, suggestions and proposals shall require approval by Council prior to acceptance by the City.

D. The Commission shall advise Council and/or other City commissions or committees, and Oberlin citizens on aesthetic grounds in matters relating to making the City a more attractive community.

E. The Commission shall communicate with other organizations, locally, regionally, statewide, or nationally, concerning Oberlin's beautification, appearance, and visual environment.