

# Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

## Environmental Resources Committee Minutes final

Regular Meeting, Monday August 3, 2015

Orion Center – 10:00 am

1. Call to order by the Chair: 10:05am
2. Roll call: Susan Donovan, George Hanley, Rob Zielenski, Harold Flood, Mike Flood, Beth Sheridan, and Christine Modovsky  
Welcome new members: Jessie Richmond and Chad Appleton  
It was mentioned that George Hanley was recognized as “Citizen of the Month” by Orion Township because of his participation in the research and development of a Phragmites Ordinance recommendation for the Township as well as his many hours of work on the Phragmites treatment process, including education and recruiting of participants.
3. Determination of a quorum: yes 9 members present
4. Regular order of business  
Approval of minutes for June 2015 meeting (no minutes taken at special July meeting):  
Mike Flood moved to approve; George Hanley seconded. Motion passed.  
Approval of agenda: Mike Flood moved to approve the revised agenda, Harold Flood seconded. Motion passed.
5. Pending business  
Review info from special meeting at Waste Management:  
  
Waste Management’s limitations on single stream recycling are:(other companies have their own specifications for recycling)
  - 1) Profitability
  - 2) Styrofoam no longer accepted since the recycle factory burned down, except for SOCCRA
  - 3) #s 3 and 6 and unmarked plastics no longer recyclable
  - 4) Grocery store plastic bags should not go into recycling or land fill-recycle at the grocery stores only.How can we best use this information?
  - After discussion, it was decided that one way to pass the recycling information along to the public was on the library lobby information table that our organization has reserved for August 8-13<sup>th</sup>.

- A flyer about Styrofoam recycling at Southeastern Oakland County Resource Recycling Administration (SOCRRA) is included in the display. We discussed helping churches and other organizations to recycle plastics.
- Jessie Richmond will contact OU environmental students for NOHAZ volunteers.
- Joe Laveque will add information about SOCRRA to the daily recycling flyer as an aid to individuals who want to handle Styrofoam more effectively than sending it to the landfill and doing so at no cost to them.

#### Phragmites strategy

-Ad Hoc committee progress: Sue Donovan presented a brief review of committee progress. We discussed the Phragmites Ordinance that was being voted on at the Board meeting the same night (Monday, August 3<sup>rd</sup>) and asked for OTERC committee members to attend the board meeting and speak in support of the ordinance.

-Aftercare letter: Tabled until a further date.

#### 6. New business:

Table at the library: Beth Sheridan will put up the display

SOCRA: George Hanley gave us information about the organization and what they recycle.

#### 7. Committee comments: none

#### 8. Adjournment: Mike Flood made a motion to adjourn, and George Hanley seconded. Motion passed.

#### 9. The next meeting is Thursday, Sept. 3 at 7:00pm, Orion Center