

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes Final

Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 7, 2015

Orion Center – 7:00 PM

1. Meeting called to order 10:10
2. In attendance: Sue Donovan, George Hanley, Joe Laveque, Harold Flood (voting members) and Madelyn Braley (non-voting member)
3. There is a quorum
4. March minutes approved
Agenda approved
5. There are 5 No Haz events scheduled: May 16, June 6, Aug. 22, Sept. 19, Oct. 24
More people are needed for May.
Joe will call Witney regarding posters to put up in the community.

Joe will call to update the recycling flyer. (George suggested after the meeting that we divide the sites and report to Joe. George and Sue will help make calls.)

Free dump days at the Eagle Valley landfill are Sat. May 30 and Sat. Sept. 12. Sue will call Kathy Kline to see who and how these opportunities are advertised.

Sue will call the Ad Hoc Committee on phragmite control for an initial meeting. The task of this committee will be to contact landowners with phragmites, convince them of the importance to control them, and get them to sign a release allowing the contractor of Jeff Stout's choice to give them a free quote. Mr. Stout will handle everything else.

The Noxious Weed Ordinance for Phragmites is in the process of being formally written by the township attorney. The committee asked that the treatment is highly suggested but voluntary except in 5 instances, where treatment would be mandatory: fire hazard as determined by the OTFD, line of sight issues, and ecological impact to others, builders developing properties with phragmites infestations, and selling properties with phragmites present. At this time, the committee has not been able to see the final draft. It was indicated by Mike Flood in a memo that it would be presented in two open hearings, where questions and objections would be heard. OTERC strongly believes that the members of the ordinance committee should be allowed to review the draft before being presented at the first open hearing.

Discussion of the LOve Our Township campaign included comments on tightening our focus to possibly key in on one topic every quarter. The new recycling rules might be a good place to begin. Madelyn will work on a power point presentation, possible with the aid of Kathy Kline.

6. Our alternating meeting dates will continue through 2015, but to make it possible for Madelyn to attend, we will meet at LOHS from 8 am to 10 am on June 3, October 7 and December 9. We will meet on Monday, July 6 and August 3 at 10 in Orion Center, and Thursday September 3 and November 5 at 7 pm in Orion Center. Sue will get permissions and email a list of meeting dates and times to all.
7. OTERC will experience a crisis of membership for 2016, when George, Sue and Joe will have expired terms. We need to address how to get new members ASAP.
8. Meeting was adjourned at 11:30.