

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting, Thursday, July 7, 2016
Orion Township Library

1. Call to order by the Chairperson, George Hanley, at 7:13 pm.
2. Roll call: George Hanley, Jacqui Carlson, Jessie Richmond, Rodney Tocco, Beth Sheridan
3. Determination of a quorum: Yes
4. Regular order of business:
 - a) **Approval of minutes** from June 2016 meeting: Rodney Tocco moved that the minutes be approved as presented; Beth Sheridan seconded; motion carried.
 - b) **Approval of agenda:** Rodney Tocco moved that the agenda be approved as presented; Beth Sheridan seconded; motion carried.
5. Pending business:
 - a) **Library Table Wrap-up:** The materials presented looked very professional. Mike Deluca and George Hanley each sat with the display during the week but there was not much traffic (library was also slow that week). Several people did pick up materials from the display. Beth Sheridan will store the board until next year. George suggested we update the header next year to be more eye-catching.
 - b) **OTERC website update:** Township website updates are outsourced to a 3rd party. Mike Deluca will continue corresponding with Julianne Savard at the Township to see if there is an opportunity to request design changes or to have a separate blog, independent of the township site, pending approval from the township supervisor.
 - c) **Phragmites treatment enhancement (additive):** Rodney Tocco provided information for the committee describing alternate phragmites management options, e.g. additives to enhance performance, such as spray-grade ammonium sulfate, or rotating modes of action during initial or supplemental treatments. Rodney and George Hanley will discuss cost and feasibility with Steve Hanson, Eastern Regional Lakes Manager for PLM Lake and Land Management Corp.
 - d) **Status of Ordinances 73 and 151:** There is no new information on the proposed modifications to either Ordinance 73 or Ordinance 151. Action is expected after the township elections in August.
 - e) **Invasive garlic mustard:** George Hanley referenced a statement by Michigan State University Extension that garlic mustard is rapidly becoming one of Michigan's worst woodland weeds. He discussed the topic with Kirk Larson of the township Building department and their efforts in conjunction with the Boy Scouts to control the spread at Camp Agawam. The best way to remove the weed is by pulling up the roots, but due to the widespread invasion this is not always realistic. The committee proposed that a future Greenup Orion activity could focus around containing the spread, beginning at Bald Mountain Recreation Area. George will discuss with Chris Barnett and extend an offer that the ERC committee will do whatever we can to facilitate the activity.
6. New Business
 - a) **OTERC presentation to BOT:** As Jeff Stout has regularly given updates to the Board of Trustees on ERC activities, the committee chair proposed tabling the presentation until next year and then giving a combined 2015-2016 update to the board.

7. Committee Comments

- Beth Sheridan is looking for at least one volunteer from Orion Township at the September 10 NoHaz event at OCC Highland Lakes campus.
- Jacqui Carlson gave an update from the recent NoHaz event at OU. 1224 cars went through the line. The event was well organized and the lines moved quickly. Feedback from participants was positive. Jacqui also shared the remaining Recycling Resources tri-fold brochures for the committee members to distribute, and will contact Eve Ryan at the township to get more printed.
- Jessie Richmond notified the committee that she will not be in attendance at the August meeting and asked for a deputy secretary to take the notes. Jacqui Carlson volunteered. Jessie also questioned the committee member expiration dates listed on the OT website. George will contact the township to clarify.
- George Hanley noted that he has been notified of a potential candidate to replace Christine Modovsky on the committee but that he did not have any details at this time.

8. Adjournment

Rodney Tocco moved that we adjourn, Jessie Richmond seconded the motion; motion approved at 8:15 PM.

Next meeting:

**Thursday, August 4, 2016 @ Orion Center,
7:00 -9:00 pm**