

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, March 16, 2016
Lake Orion CERC, 7:30 am

1. Call to order by the Chairperson, George Hanley, at 7:45 AM
2. Roll call: George Hanley, Beth Sheridan, Christine Modovsky, Jessie Richmond, Madeline Braley
3. Determination of a quorum: Yes
4. Regular order of business:
 - a) **Approval of minutes** from February 2016 meeting: Christine Modovsky moved that the February minutes draft be approved as amended; Beth Sheridan seconded; motion carried.
 - b) **Approval of agenda:** Beth Sheridan moved that the agenda be approved as amended, Christine Modovsky seconded; motion carried.
5. Pending business:
 - a) **Greener Orion campaign update:** Madeline Braley has met with Township Supervisor Chris Barnett to outline the main initiatives for the program.
 - Community Greenup – organized tasks to enhance the environment around our community. Suggestions include partnering with the Clinton River Watershed Council (CRWC) for a fall/invasive species cleanup at Bald Mountain, organizing a volunteer cleanup in Lake Orion downtown/park/beach areas or along the Paint Creek trail, creating a butterfly garden behind the library, planting trees at the township parks, and several other ideas. Final selection will be no more than 3 activities for 2016.
 - Go Green Certified – Orion Township would establish a set of environmental parameters for local businesses. Those that choose to participate and meet the standard would receive a certificate to display at their business and be featured on the township website and social media pages.

The ERC will support this campaign. A tentative date for the first community greenup activity is May 14, 2016.
 - b) **Membership drive:** Corinna Womack has joined the committee. There are still openings for one voting member, one non-voting member, and one alternate. These are advertised on the township website and social media pages. Chris Barnett will be contacted to request that he include membership information in his State of the Township Address.

George Hanley suggested that changing the meeting schedule to move morning meetings to evenings. Because the morning schedule is more convenient for some members, including our student member, as well as more convenient for guests/speakers, it was decided to keep our current planned schedule during the school year. During the summer months the schedule could be altered depending on member availability.
 - c) **OTERC website:** Design is still in progress.
6. New Business
 - a) **Annual review/distribution of the Environmental Resources List:** The annual update of the environmental resources list will begin. George Hanley, Beth Sheridan and Corinna Womack will split up the task and contact the listees to confirm the information is current. Jessie Richmond will look for new recycling sources. Corinna Womack will coordinate any updates with Orion Township and arrange for hard copies to be distributed at local events.

7. Committee Comments

- Beth Sheridan will contact Mike Flood for input on the NoHaz coordinator role. She will also schedule an ERC table at the library this summer.
- George Hanley informed us that Powers Distributing would be receiving a plaque for their efforts in implementing their PACE project. He noted that while schools are not eligible for PACE funding, they may be eligible for a "Power Purchase Agreement" which provides grant assistance for schools with green activities.
- George also gave an update on the current status of the phragmites ad hoc committee. They can support homeowners and businesses who want to treat the phragmites on land that includes DEQ conservation areas (wetlands) with a sample statement of intent and treatment plan. Christine Modovsky noted that now is a good time to remind homeowners that cutting is not an effective treatment for phragmites control. George noted that a follow up letter has been sent to the township for distribution, but their priority now is on Orion Center recovery.

8. Adjournment

- Beth Sheridan moved that we adjourn, Jessie Richmond seconded the motion; motion approved at 8:40 AM.

Next meeting Thursday, April 7, 2016 at 7:00 pm

Location TBD due to renovations at Orion Center