

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting, Wednesday, September 7, 2016
Lake Orion CERC, 7:30-9:00AM

1. Call to order by the Chairperson, George Hanley, at 7:40 AM
2. Roll call: George Hanley, Jacqui Carlson, Mike Deluca, Madeline Braley, Mike Flood, Harold Flood, Jessie Richmond
3. Determination of a quorum: Yes
4. Regular order of business
 - a. **Approval of minutes** from August 2016 meeting: Mike Deluca moved to approve the July minutes draft; Jacqui Carlson seconded; motion carried.
 - b. **Approval of agenda:** Jessie Richmond moved to approve the September agenda as presented; Mike Flood seconded; motion carried.
5. Pending business
 - a. **OTERC website update:** Mike Deluca notified the township of several edits needed to replace outdated information and broken links on the environmental page of www.orientownship.org. The township would prefer not to have a separate website for OTERC topics, so at this time Mike Deluca will not pursue a domain name. Mike Flood will discuss further with Julie Savard and check with the township attorney to ensure there is no conflict.

Mike Deluca also recommended that the OTERC Facebook page should post information on a daily basis. Jessie Richmond, the current page administrator, agreed but stated she could not keep up with that pace, and has added Jacqui Carlson as an administrator to the page.

Any other committee members with a Facebook account are encouraged to contact Jessie if they would like to be added as administrators, or to refer content to Jessie or Jacqui. All committee members were invited to join the OTERC Google group, which allows for easier electronic communication between committee meetings. A test email was successfully sent and received between those who have already joined.

- b. **Status of Ordinances 73 (Solid Waste) and 151 (Phragmites control):** Mike Flood informed the committee that there has been no new development on the proposed modifications to Ordinance 73 because the Board has been focusing on the Corridor Improvement Authority Development Plan.

George Hanley said he is waiting for approval before taking the proposed modifications to Ordinance 151 to the Building Department. A new Building Official is expected to start on Monday, and will be given some time for orientation before he is approached on the topic. A Minor Planned Unit Development application was recently reviewed for a business on Brown Road, and treatment of Phragmites on the site was included in the paperwork.

- c. **OTERC presentation to BOT:** Mike Flood recommended that OTERC present to the Township Board of Trustees in December 2016 or 1Q_2017. Mike Flood will check to see if there is room on the December agenda. The presentation should last approximately 10 minutes and highlight the achievements of the committee over the last year or two. Suggested topics include a team overview, Phragmites treatment, Greenup Orion, No Haz event participation and the OTERC Facebook page. Jessie Richmond will go back through the previous meeting agendas and compile a list of topics to share with the committee. Harold Flood shared the 2014 presentation with the committee members. All committee members are encouraged to attend the BOT meeting when the new presentation is given.
- d. **Membership update:** According to our committee bylaws, the open seat for a voting member should be filled by the senior alternate member. Harold Flood deferred to Jacqui Carlson as he cannot attend several of the meetings. Mike Deluca will move from a non-voting member to an alternate. Mike Flood will file the necessary paperwork. There will be an open seat for a non-voting member on the committee.
- e. **GreenUp Lake Orion Fall Project possibility:** Last month George approached Aaron Whatley, Parks Director, on this topic. Aaron would support a project and suggested it be held in conjunction with the Clinton River Watershed cleanup event at Bald Mountain or during the NoHaz collection event in Orion Township. The committee is concerned about organizational / timing issues and prefers to support an event later in October. Once the next Greenup event is chosen, Jacqui Carlson volunteered to create a flyer, which will be offered for distribution at the NoHaz event.

6. New Business

- a. Mike Flood gave a summary of the 2016 Solid Waste Hauler Licensing Report, which is available in full in the board book on the township website. Five companies are currently licensed to engage in trash removal for Orion Township Residents and they have registered 67 vehicles. These companies service approximately 11,100 customers in the township.
- b. Mike Flood gave a summary of the latest Oakland Household Waste Consortium (NO HAZ) meeting. Member communities are experiencing an increased charge for disposal of cathode ray tubes (CRTs) which the consortium is covering with their administrative budget in 2016. In 2017 the increased cost may have to be passed on to residents. Costs for Orion residents will continue to be covered in full by a rebate from Eagle Valley Landfill, so participation will remain free for our residents.

7. Committee comments

- a. Mike Deluca inquired about changing and standardizing the time of our committee meetings to occur on the first Thursday of every month from 7:00 – 8:30 PM. Meetings were scheduled to alternate between morning and evenings primarily to accommodate our student committee member. Madeline indicated that now that she has her driver's license, she would be able to attend evening meetings. The only morning meeting

remaining on the approved meeting schedule is November 2. Jessie Richmond made a motion to hold a vote on amending the schedule for the November meeting from the morning of November 2 to the evening of November 3. Mike Deluca seconded the motion. A vote was held and the motion passed. George Hanley will check to see if a room can be reserved at the Orion Center for the November 3 meeting, and will inform CERC that the meeting room on November 2 is no longer needed.

- b. Jessie Richmond is not able to attend the October meeting to take meeting minutes. Jacqui Carlson volunteered to take the minutes in Jessie's absence.
- c. Mike Flood informed the committee that Lisa Sokol is taking a short leave of absence from her role as Community Programs Director due to the unexpected death of her husband. Jennifer Vezina is acting as Interim CP Director in her absence.

- 8. Adjournment: Harold Flood moved that we adjourn, Mike Flood seconded the motion; motion approved at 8:32 AM.

Next meeting Thursday, October 6, 2016
Orion Center, 7:00 – 8:30 PM