

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting, Thursday, November 3, 2016
Orion Center

1. Call to order by the Chairperson, George Hanley, at 7:04 pm.
2. Roll call: George Hanley, Harold Flood, Rodney Tocco, Corinna Womack, Michael J. DeLuca, Jessie Richmond
3. Determination of a quorum: Yes
4. Regular order of business:
 - a) **Approval of minutes** from October 2016 meeting: Rodney Tocco moved that the minutes be approved as presented; Harold Flood seconded; motion carried.
 - b) **Approval of agenda**: Jessie Richmond moved that the agenda be approved as presented; Rodney Tocco seconded; motion carried.
5. Pending business:
 - a) **OTERC website / Facebook page / email group update**:
 - i. Mike Deluca has not received any recent feedback from the Township about the requested updates to the website. It was also noted that some of the ERC information on the website was out of date. Mike will follow up with JulieAnn Savard.
 - ii. Beth Sheridan was added to email group and as an administrator on the OTERC Facebook page, bringing the total to five. A schedule for publishing content on the page was created by the admins. Mike Deluca will email a page link to the rest of the team.
 - iii. The email group list is not being used as at least three members are having issues with access. Mike Deluca has set up a Google drive for sharing documents, and explained how it works in greater detail. There do not seem to be any access issues with access to this folder, and it will be used going forward instead of the email group.
 - b) **Status of Ordinances 73 (Solid Waste) and 151 (Phragmites control)**: As noted in the previous month's minutes, Mike Flood will get modifications of Ord. 73 to the board by the spring and therefore the topic will be removed from the next few agendas. George Hanley reiterated the proposed changes to Ordinance 151 whereby treatment would be considered at the beginning of a development project, and suggested that volunteers could identify target areas or the planning commission would be a good source of information on new developments in the community.
 - c) **OTERC presentation to BOT**: The Board presentation will take place on December 19, 2016. George Hanley prepared an outline of the topics the committee has suggested be included in the presentation to the Board of Trustees on December 19. The committee reviewed and refined each topic and assigned slide content to various members. Slides should be completed and sent to Harold Flood prior to the next regular meeting so that he can finalize the presentation. A dry run is planned for the December ERC committee meeting. Corinna Womack will bring a projector to the meeting if necessary.

6. New Business

a) **2017 Events and Community Outreach Plans:**

- i. The committee would like to recognize local businesses for being “green” based on nominations from the community. Corinna Womack is drafting a questionnaire to be used for nominations. The goal is to feature a different business each month beginning in January 2017. Businesses would be presented with a plaque and recognized on the township website and social media. Mike Flood will be asked to discuss the project with the Board to ensure they are in agreement. Mike DeLuca will help prepare graphics for the program. Once the project has been approved, ERC members will be asked to kick off the program by nominating a local business for the first award.
- ii. The committee would also like to work with local schools to get students involved in environmental stewardship and highlight current green activities by sharing information, benchmarking with other schools, and creating presentations. Ideas will be discussed with Lake Orion Community Schools Superintendent Marion Ginopolis.
- iii. Members will continue to brainstorm other ideas such as a contest to design a reusable tote bag, coordinating a can drive, celebrating Earth Day and enhancing participation in the annual Green-Up activities. These will be discussed with the Board and we will move forward as resources become available.

- b) **Oct. 15, 2016 NoHaz Collection Update:** Mike Flood is attending the NoHaz Consortium meeting the week of November 14. An update with final numbers will be presented at the next regular ERC meeting.

7. Committee Comments

- George Hanley has talked to several people who were not aware of the recycling flyer and suggested asking the Treasurer to include it with the next tax bill mailing. Rodney Tocco suggested creating a ListServe instead so that people could request a copy or other information.
- Mike DeLuca relayed a conversation he had with a DNR employee from Bald Mountain regarding the area of rocks and bridge ruins covered by graffiti on the Paint Creek Trail. The area is under observation and an ongoing dialogue to prevent more graffiti is held with local students, but the graffiti continues. The runoff is poisoning the trout stream. One solution may be to remove the slabs in an attempt to cut down on new graffiti.
- Harold Flood and Rodney Tocco will not be available to attend the ERC presentation at the Board of Trustees meeting on December 19. All other members are encouraged to attend and be recognized, and to assist in the presentation.

8. Adjournment

Harold Flood moved that we adjourn, Corinna Womack seconded the motion; motion approved at 8:45 PM.

Next meeting:

Thursday, December 1, 2016

Orion Township Hall, Lower Level, Board Room, 7:00 PM to 9:00 PM

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