



Environmental Resources Committee Regular Meeting Minutes, Thursday, February 2, 2012

1. **Call to Order.** Chairperson Heather Muzzy called the meeting to order at 7:08 p.m.
2. **Roll Call.** Voting members present: Heather Muzzy, John Konopaski, Joe Laveque, Anthony Cook, Tim Mack. Non-voting member present: Mike Flood. Members absent: Mark Crane, Jean Werth, Harold Flood, and Cindy Anderson. Non-voting members absent: Alice Young.
3. **Determination of a Quorum.** Yes, five (5) voting members present out of total of nine (9).
4. **Public Comments.** None, no public present.
5. **Election of Officers (New Roles Effective March 2012).** Motion by Heather Muzzy, second by Anthony Cook to approve election of officers. Motion Carried.

Chairperson: Heather Muzzy

Vice Chairperson: Anthony Cook

Secretary: John Konopaski

Treasurer: Joe Laveque

Team Leaders:

Water Quality Team Lead, Tim Mack, Assistant Joe Laveque

Ordinance Team Lead, Harold Flood, Assistant Anthony Cook

6. Regular Order of Business

A. **Approval of Minutes.** Heather Muzzy would like Anthony Cook added to November 30, 2011 minutes in Roll Call section. Motion by Anthony Cook, second by John Konopaski to approve the minutes, as corrected, of regular meeting Thursday, November 30, 2011. Motion carried.

1. One (1) text correction: Add Anthony Cook to Roll Call section of November 30, 2011 minutes.

B. **Approval of Agenda.** Motion by Joe Laveque, second by Tim Mack to approve the agenda as submitted. Motion carried.

C. Pending Business

1. Outreach Newsletter mailings are now quarterly issue instead of biannually. Two pages are dedicated to local environmental resources. The Watershed Council and Building Departments provide seasonal and regional information on additional pages. Township website will be changing soon to represent more organized or uniform layout. Website is in transition.
2. Watershed crossings. Tim Mack and Joe Laveque researched the proposed of ten (10) locations for signage in Orion Township. Cost of signs vary on location and who is

responsible for roads. Total cost is roughly estimated to be \$3,000. Committee preference is to utilize DPW instead of RCOC for installation. Permit required to place signs on M-24 through MDOT.

3. Adopt-a-Road. Heather Muzzy created a spreadsheet to indicate stretches of open roadside that are eligible for RCOC run program. She is promoting this project and seeking assistance in the beautification of our area, especially in advance of the 2012 Senior Open. Please direct volunteers to contact the RCOC directly to apply. The next safety sentry training will be late March or early April. Looking for someone who knows a business, group, or club to adopt a road.
4. Hauler Survey. Heather Muzzy and John Konopaski conducted a survey and the results are in. A copy will be presented to the BOT this month.
5. Draft status of Ordinance 73. Limited information as team leaders are not present. Mike Flood reported that Harold will be able to facilitate follow through and lead presentation at the BOT meeting.

D. New Business.

1. BOT presentation will be on Tuesday, February 21, 2012. Chair will file the application for this date. Committee members are not required but encouraged to attend. Members will take turns presenting. Topics will be in this order:

Accomplishments, Adopt-a-Road, Upcoming Events (Muzzy)
Hauler Survey (Konopaski)
Ordinance 73 (H. Flood)
Watershed Crossing Proposal (Laveque & Mack)
Phragmites - PowerPoint planned by John DeLisle

Note: Secretary John Konopaski left meeting at 8:15 p.m., Mike Flood Jr. took over minutes.

2. Brochure - OTERC Bylaws allow for some spending without the Board's approval. It has been the plan to use the budgeted amount for a brochure. Its purpose is to get information into the hands of the public via the public building lobbies and at community events. Heather Muzzy has background in marketing and brochure production and seeks assistance. Deadline is for Expo or sooner. Draft to be presented at March meeting for Committee input.
3. Growing Green Expo, Saturday, April 21, 2012, 11:00 a.m. to 4:00 p.m., at the Orion Center. OTERC table will again display the NO HAZ and Drain Commission information. Volunteers will be confirmed at March meeting.

E. Reports.

1. NO HAZ 2012 Poster Contest information link is on the websites, deadline is February 27, 2012. Three winners and next year the contest will be announced earlier to allow art teachers time to fit into their schedules. Orion only received three of each last year.

This year we will receive many more posters and about 300 brochures.

2. NO HAZ dates and locations were determined much earlier this year. There is a possibility that Waterford may rejoin and a date in the fall would be added if this is approved in late February by their Board. Orion's Spring volunteers will be confirmed at March meeting but please add to your calendars:

Saturday, April 28, 2012, 8 am - 2 pm
Oxford Middle School, 1420 E. Lakeville Rd., Oxford, MI

Saturday, June 2, 2012, 8 am - 2 pm
Oakland University, Rochester
Foundation Hall parking lot runs along Squirrel Road

Saturday, September 22, 2012, 8 am - 2 pm
Wildwood of Orion Township, 2700 Joslyn Court
(across from soccer fields)

3. Abitibi Date for 2012. Motion by Tim Mack, second by Anthony Cook, to move to March agenda. Motion carried.
7. **Committee Comments.** Mike Flood - Voorheis Lake marina DEQ permit and Eagle Valley Landfill letter, work planned for Spring 2012.
8. **Adjournment.** Motion by Heather Muzzy, second by Anthony Cook, to adjourn. Motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 8:48 p.m.

Next meetings are March 1, May 3 & June 7