

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Monday, November 4, 2013

1. Call to order by Heather Muzzy at 10:10am
2. Roll call: Harold Flood, Beth Sheridan, Sue Donovan, Mike Flood, George Hanley, Joe Laveque, Heather Muzzy
3. Determination of a quorum: yes 7 members present
4. Public comments: none
5. Approval of minutes for October 2013 meeting: Mike Flood moved to approve, George Handley seconded; MOTION APPROVED
6. Approval of agenda: Beth Sheridan moved to approve, Mike Flood seconded; MOTION APPROVED.
7. Pending business
 - A. Watershed crossing signs update: Areas for signs have been staked, and signs will be installed by the township DPW as soon as the permits are approved by RCOC; ASAP. Mike also discussed the two SAW Grants that the township is applying for that would provide a 90% match toward the cost of a Storm Water and Waste Water Assessment.
 - B. Press Releases/Marketing
 - November- Watershed Press Release: Sue Donovan will redo press release draft, send it to the committee for review, and then turn it in to Chris Barnett for his approval and submission to the press.
 - December- NO HAZ Press Release: Joe Laveque will write draft, send to committee for approval, and Beth Sheridan will submit.
 - January/February 2014- Phragmites Press Release, George Hanley to revise.
 - As part of an effort to increase the public's understanding of the committee's charter, George Hanley suggested creating a show(s) with ONTV as part of the Active Living Series. He will contact ONTV and the individuals who produce the programs and provide an update on the possibilities.
 - Mike Flood will talk with the township treasurer Mark Thurber about the possibility of the committee's Orion Environmental Resources recyclables flyer being mailed to residents within their December 2013 tax bills.
8. New business
 - A. 2014 Meeting Dates Resolution: Heather Muzzy moved to accept proposed dates, Harold Flood seconded; MOTION APPROVED.

January –no meeting	July- no meeting
February 3 officer's election	August 4
March 3	September –no meeting
April – no meeting	October 6
May 5	November 3
June 2	December 1
 - B. November 15 is America Recycles Day – Proclamation by BOT

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- C. Invasive Treatment Project in Orion Oaks County Park: No new information, phragmites have been treated; it is an awareness issue for public.
- D. Home Owners Association Meetings: No meeting is planned, but Chris Barnett wants us on the agenda the next time a meeting is scheduled; Mike Flood will report back to the committee the date when the next Home Owners meeting is scheduled.
- E. Presentation to the BOT and recommendation on single hauler: After much discussion the committee tabled this issue until 2015 because we don't want to dilute our focus on other environmental issues. We want to concentrate on making sure that the current Ordinance 73 dealing with recycling is enforced. Harold Flood will attend the November 4th BOT and November 6th Planning Commission township meeting and speak during public comments, to make the township aware of the fact that some homeowners associations for condos and apartment complexes are not abiding by the provisions for recycling that Ordinance 73 requires. The Environmental Committee would like the Township Enforcement Official to consistently enforce ordinance 73 with offenders.

9. Reports

- A. NO HAZ 2013 (total figures) and larger lot needed for 2014: Cost \$33,000 for 2013. We would like to keep this event free for residents, but need to educate residents that Orion Township is charged per car for the NOHAZ events, and to encourage car pooling because of this. We need to host an event again in 2014, and discussed possible venues that would be large enough. Members will look for potential venues and discussion will continue at the December meeting. Mike Flood will be attending the November 13, 2013 Oakland County NO HAZ Consortium executive committee meeting and will provide information on the December 2, 2013 meeting agenda.
- B. Clinton River Watershed Clean-up at Gingell Oct 16: 10 Chrysler employees and Heather Muzzy showed up to help pick up litter at Gingellville Nature Center.
- C. Parks and Rec Master Plan Input Open House Oct 16: Heather Muzzy and Mike Flood attended. There will be more public open houses.
- D. Eagle Valley Community Information Meeting Oct 16: Heather Muzzy attended.
- E. Gingell Nature Area Phragmites Treatment and 2014 permit process: We set a goal of determining how we are doing the permit process before we do the Phragmites press release early in 2014. We want to get Jeff Stout involved in the discussion, and we discussed that having the DPW do the actual treatments on township properties would be the best financially for the township, and there being a blanket township permit process with others being able to set up treatment under the umbrella.

10. Committee comments: George Hanley feels the committee should spend the bulk of it's time on the invasive Phragmites problem; He described a treatment on private property on the east end of Lake Orion. George Hanley and Sue Donovan will draft a strategy plan for educating the public about and treating the phragmites in and around Orion Township. Harold Flood will miss the December meeting.

11. Adjournment: Mike Flood motioned and Harold Flood seconded that the meeting be adjourned at 11:55am.

Next meeting is December 2, 2013 at 10am at Orion Center

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