

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, May 2, 2013

1. **Call to order.** Chairperson Heather Muzzy called the meeting to order at 7:08 pm.
2. **Roll call.** Voting members present: Heather Muzzy, Harold Flood, Joe Laveque, George Hanley, Tim Mack (8:05), and Susan Donovan (8:20). Members absent: Anthony Cook, John Konopaski, and Mike Flood. Non-voting Members absent: Erin Gallagher (LOHS Student Rep.)
3. **Determination of a quorum.** Yes, SIX (6) voting members present out of total of Eight (8)
4. **Public comments.** No one from the public was present at the meeting.
5. **Approval of March 7, 2013 minutes.** MOTION by Joe Laveque, SECOND by Heather Muzzy to approve the minutes as submitted. MOTION CARRIED
6. **Approval of agenda.** MOTION by Harold Flood, SECOND by George Hanley to approve the agenda as submitted. MOTION CARRIED
7. **Pending business**
 - A. Resignation of John Konopaski necessitating a new voting member and assignment of a Secretary. This item is to be discussed at the next regular meeting.
 - B. Outreach draft and mini-poster distribution (Changes: new scrap dealer, Freon items, and Medication program revised). Heather passed the new articles out to the committee members. They look very good, our thanks to her for her good work. A suggestion was made to standardize on the color from now on, even though there is a revision date on the flyers. This will be discussed at a later date.
 - C. Survey Questions (go forward or drop?) To be discussed at the next regular meeting. Will need to have someone head this up if we decide to go forward with this.
 - D. Watershed crossing signs. Mike and Harold Flood are planning to meet with Supervisor Barnett soon.
8. **New business**
 - A. New (Township) website launch: The new website is up and running. Committee members are encouraged to look at the site. Heather Muzzy will be working with the township to make updates to the committee's page(s).
 - B. New Hauler License: One new hauler has been added.
 - C. Oakland Phragmites and Invasive Species (OPIS) Task Force (action in Independence and Oakland Townships plus upcoming workshops in both). Susan Donovan and Heather Muzzy are following this issue and attending workshops. Two more workshops are scheduled for May 9th and 11th. The following areas were discussed as possible

restoration areas in Orion Township: ITC (high voltage lines) near the corner of Waldon and Joslyn roads, The Gingell Nature Preserve on Maybee Road, along Clarkston Road near Cam Agawam, and at Axford Road near Indianwood Road. It was suggested that these could be the first trial areas. It was also suggested that a "Invasive Species Restoration" sign be put up at each of these areas when they have been restored.

- D. BOT presentation agenda: a Powerpoint presentation draft is to be put together by Harold Flood with the following items:

- Phragmites
- Mini Poster
- NO HAZ and Free Disposal Days

A Workshop for the presentation is scheduled for May 14, 2013 at the Township Library.

- E. Next regular Environmental Resources Committee meeting is PROPOSED to be June 3, 2013 at 10:00 AM at the Orion Center, with the room to be determined at a later date.

9. Reports

- A. Chamber lunch, Growing Green Expo, Grow Here, TWWLA meeting: Heather Muzzy attended these meetings and gave a brief description of each.
- B. NO HAZ 2013 volunteers, posters, press releases: It was suggested that we contact PATCH for inclusion of this information on their website. More volunteers are needed for all of the rest of the NO HAZ events; please contact Joe Laveque if you can help. Some posters were passed out for displaying in high visibility areas around the township.
- C. Eagle Valley Disposal Days: June 1, 2013 and September 7, 2013.

10. Committee comments. More volunteers are needed for all of the rest of the NO HAZ events; please contact Joe Laveque if you can help. Heather Muzzy proposed that we meet on Monday mornings instead of Thursday evenings. The next meeting is scheduled as stated above.

11. Adjournment. MOTION by Harold Flood, SECOND by Joe Laveque, to adjourn. MOTION CARRIED. Meeting adjourned at 9:15 pm

Next meeting is June 3, 2013