

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting, Monday, August 5, 2013

NEW DAY TIME AND LOCATION: 10am at Orion Center

1. Call to order By Heather Muzzy at 10:12 AM
2. Roll call: Heather Muzzy, Susan Donovan, Mike Flood, George Hanley, Tim Mack, Beth Sheridan, and Harold Flood
3. Determination of a quorum 7 voting members
4. Public comments - None
5. Approval of minutes for June 3, 2013 meeting Mike Flood made the motion and Tim Mack seconded, approved
6. Approval of agenda Mike moved and Harold seconded and approved
7. Pending business
 - A. Survey by the Supervisor's office – the survey is now live on the Orion Township Website in the Parks and Rec area under the Master Plan. The Supervisor's office is putting another survey together which we would like to propose some questions. Beth Sheridan will put some questions together for inclusion in this survey.
 - B. BOT presentation on the Gingell Nature Area - Sue contacted Jeff Stout after the June Board meeting. She gave him the packet with contact information for contractors and maps and offered assistance when needed. As of August 5, he had contacted several communities, Oakland County, and made a site visit to Gingell nature area, but had not contacted any contractors. He expressed interest in going with Natural Community Services, as the low bid, to try out the process. He also speculated that in the future, our own DPW might be able to do this treatment.
 - Sue contacted MDEQ Rachel Matthews (517-331-5227) at the suggestion of John DeLisle, Natural Community Services owner, and one of the contractors. Rachel Matthews confirmed that:
 - If a Township itself performs the treatment, the Township applies for a Certificate of Coverage (CoC) under PA 188. The CoC would allow treatment through the end of 2013 only for the area specified on the map provided.
 - Time is short for CoC to be issued by September when chemical treatment of phragmites would be performed.
 - Sue Donovan printed out the permit application, filled it out except for signature, and gave it to Jeff Stout on Aug. 5. He indicated he would get the \$75 check and mail in as soon as possible. Sue will check back around Sept. 15. If we don't have the CoC yet, she will contact MDEQ and explore other options.
 - Next year, we can apply for a CoC that will cover a larger area in Orion Township. A map of prospective areas to be treated must be included. Sue will contact township Engineering Dept. for a full plat map and begin to mark off areas likely to need treatment.
 - Mike Flood will encourage Jeff Stout to complete the CoC application process quickly and contact John DeLisle or whomever he chooses as a contractor to save a date near the end of Sept. for our treatment.

In the spirit of compliance with the American with Disabilities Act, individuals with a disability should feel free to contact the Township at least seventy-two (72) hours in advance of the meeting if requesting accommodations.

- C. Watershed Crossing Signs Update – The signs are on order, JoAnn Van Tassel is working with the Supervisor’s office to locate the signs placements and work with the township employees on installation.

8. New business

- A. Articles in Review, Community Lifestyle, and Patch – Heather Muzzy reported that there have been articles written and drafts ready for presentation to the Township as a Press Release on phragmites. We are proposing to have another Press Release to include the Watershed Signs, NO HAZ and Free Disposal Day information, Beth Sheridan will prepare the first draft.
- B. Clinton River Watershed Clean-ups Oct. 16th – Two clean-ups are scheduled in Orion Township – Gingell Nature Area at 10 AM
South of Kroger on Baldwin at 4 PM
- C. The Supervisor’s Office is having meetings with the Homeowner’s Associations around the township, it is suggested that members of this committee get involved to bring more awareness to the residents of the issues we are dealing with.
- D. Discussion took place about getting the Boy Scouts involved in our issues since they have badges that are in the Environmental area. This is to be discussed at the next meeting.
- E. Filling of the Secretary position – Mike Flood moved and Harold Flood seconded that Anthony Cook become an Alternate member and Beth Sheridan become a Voting Member. Passed unanimously. George Hanley moved and Mike Flood seconded that Beth Sheridan fill the Secretary position. Passed unanimously.

9. Reports

- A. NO HAZ 2013 volunteers are needed; Harold Flood will plan to work the September 7th event in the afternoon.
Heather Muzzy and Mike Flood will plan to work the Wildwood event.

10. Committee comments – Look up water invasives

11. Adjournment 11:45 Moved by Susan Donovan and seconded by George Hanley.

Next meeting is October 7, 2013 at 10am at Orion Center