

Follow-up discussion:

- We as a committee or the proposed ad hoc subcommittee (see below), will identify who gets cards, which will also be made available at HOA meetings, and in Town Hall through Building permits. Frustration because the chemical treatment window from late August to first heavy frost is so short. Contractors work schedules can fill up quickly, creating problems for groups working to match individuals/groups interested in obtaining treatment with contractors. Challenges are magnified where window from late August to first heavy frost is so short. Contractors work schedules multiple owner properties are involved.
- We can easily track treated stands under the township permit; harder to track those treated under contractor's permits. Jeff Stout's office is tracking the treatments done under the township permit in order to do required reporting to DNR.
- Discussion about follow-up treatment
 - Should people mow or burn dead plant material to make spraying next year the most effective, and not to encourage new growth?
 - How do we encourage the sites we treated this fall to remove dead material? Follow-up mailings were suggested, believe we decided not to press the issue of cutting to see how effective treatment is without it.

Sue Donovan brought up the idea of creating a sub-committee of individuals from the OTERC and/or others interested specifically in the phragmites problem to work on procedures, working with Orion Township managers and staff to be sure that this sub-committee has the authority to follow-up and contact people/businesses. It was mentioned Elizabeth Wagner wants to help possibly on the ad hoc committee; she was a co-founder of OPIS, and also that we be sure to involve the township and strategize. There was further discussion among the committee about the specifics of treating phragmites, but there was general agreement that a sub-committee is a good idea. It was decided that Sue Donovan would initiate a meeting with Jeff Stout to discuss how this committee would work with Orion Township government, and then she will move forward with setting up the committee. George noted that he had received an email indicating the 2015 grants to obtain funding for treatment of invasive species as covered in the SEMCOG presentation at the October meeting must be submitted by December 15 to receive consideration. The committee will contact the Township regarding the issue.

-Ord. 79: George Hanley, Mike Flood, Mark Thurber and Lucy Koscierynski are on a township committee tasked with developing a new invasive species ordinance. Two meetings have been held, including with Don Wortman of Carlisle Wortman. In addition to updating the list of invasive species, a suggested approach for addressing phragmites infestations could include:

- A process in which, when getting a building permit, contractors must agree to appropriately treat phragmites before, during and after the project is completed

- Property owners whose land has infestations must create an escrow account out of proceeds from the sale of property to treat phragmites infestations at appropriate times.

Emily Duthinh has indicated an interest in participating in the process to support development of an ordinance for Independence Township and suggested that several other townships would also be interested. George will coordinate a meeting before the end of the year to with a late winter or early spring deliverable. Sue Donovan will check with Chris Barnett on the status of a CMA, working in conjunction with Bill Parkus and SEMCOG, since he mentioned during the OTERC October meeting that he was going to work on setting up a meeting to form one.

-Progress Report on changes to Ord. 73, Recycling Ordinance Changes, Update Single Hauler issue:

Mike Flood reported that attorneys are drafting a proposed ordinance with a March target date to present it to the Township Board. Our committee is concerned that only service to single family residences is being discussed. We want to see multi-unit buildings included in the discussion, with the end result being they would have recycling for residents. If that doesn't happen, then our stand is that the current recycling codes for multiple family units need to be enforced by the township. We also want to make sure that the RFP for single haulers would include recycling best practices, and it was suggested that we all email the Ord. 73 ad-hoc committee members comprising as follows: Supervisor Barnett, Trustee Flood, Attorney Kelly, PC commissioner Pennington, PC vice-chairman Dunaskiss (also ad-hoc committee chairman), and ZBA alternate member Cook about both those concerns.

-Website report-Chris Modovsky: Content is still pending, but we are trying to get an email address published on the Orion Township website so people can ask questions of the committee in the meantime. The township is concerned that answers would come from personal email addresses, but Chris Modovsky explained that when a question came in it would be forwarded to a committee member, but they would log in and answer the question, so answers would not come from personal email addresses. Sue Donovan will let the township know that it is simply a mechanism to alert OTERC that a new email has come in, and hopefully we can get the OTERC email address published on the Orion Township website.

6. New business

- OT Board Presentation-Nov. 17, 7:00. Sue Donovan is doing the presentation, with Harold Flood assembling the PowerPoint. They will meet Thursday, November 13th at 9:00am at the Orion Center to finalize the presentation, which will include:

- Committee's recommendation that anything that makes it easier for residents to recycle (such as not having to remove bottle caps and jar lids), and that the widest reasonable range of materials be handled by the hauler, be on the RFP for single haulers.

- Committee's recommendation that Single haulers be held accountable on RFP to show they have systems in place to recycle the recyclables they pick up.
- NO HAZ update
- Phragmites status and update

-Review procedure on draft minutes:

It was decided to use "track changes" feature on Microsoft Word, send them out sequentially to each committee member, and submit as a draft within 8 business days of the meeting. The approved minutes will be submitted within 4 business days of each meeting

-Personnel status changes in OTERC for 2015:

- Heather Muzzy has withdrawn from the committee
- George Hanley has been appointed as a voting member with term ending December 2015
- Township is advertising for new members

-date/time resolution 2015: Sue Donovan will set up the meeting days and months; we will generally (allowing for differences due to holidays) alternate between the 1st Monday at 10:00am and the 1st Thursday at 7:00pm to accommodate varying schedules.

7. Committee comments

-Ajax Plant odor emission. Plant is in compliance with state emissions permit, but residents in Orion Township and Auburn Hills have been calling DEQ and now the township about enforcing the state and township nuisance odor limits and the township noise ordinance. Related discussion of township zoning processes.

-Bald Mountain development: Much discussion about zoning, traffic, and green space.

-Mike Flood let committee know that he is meeting with the NOHAZ consortium November 11, and reminded us all that November 4th is Election Day

8. Adjournment: Beth Sheridan moved that the meeting be adjourned, George Hanley seconded, motion passed at around 12:15pm

The next meeting is December 1, 2014, 10:00, OT Community Center