

# Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

## Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Monday, February 3, 2014

1. Call to order: 10:10am by Mike Flood
2. Roll call: Mike Flood, George Hanley, Sue Donovan, Beth Sheridan. Absent Heather Muzzy, Joe Laveque, Harold Flood, Tim Mack.
3. Determination of a quorum: yes, 4 members present
4. Public comments: Christine Modovsky introduced herself as a potential new committee member. Mike Flood will follow up with the supervisor to get Christine's appointment to the committee on the agenda for the next Orion Township Board meeting. Orion Township Supervisor Chris Barnett also attended part of the meeting.
5. Election of new officers: The bylaws were read, and we discussed the responsibilities of being the chairman of the OTERC.
  - Mike Flood motioned that Susan Donovan be nominated for chairperson of the OTERC for 2014, George Hanley seconded; the motion carried. Mike Flood moved that nominations be closed for the position of chairman.
  - Beth Sheridan motioned that George Hanley be nominated as vice-chairman of the OTERC for 2014, Susan Donovan seconded the motion, the motion carried. Mike Flood moved that nominations for vice-chairman be closed.
  - Mike Flood moves that Joe Laveque be nominated for the position of treasurer of the OTERC for 2014, Beth Sheridan seconded the nomination, the motion carried, and Mike Flood moved that nominations for treasurer be closed.
  - Mike moved that Beth Sheridan be nominated as secretary of the OTERC for 2014. Sue Donovan seconded the motion, the motion was carried. Mike Flood moved that nominations for secretary be closed.Nominations for all 4 positions were voted on and approved.

6. Regular order of business:

Approval of minutes for December 2013 meeting: Beth Sheridan moved and George Hanley seconded to approve as written; approved.

Approval of agenda: Mike Flood moved and George Hanley seconded to approve as written; approved.

Pending business:

- Press Releases: The watershed press release was forwarded to the supervisor's office for approval, but never made it to the media. Supervisor Chris Barnett said that he will make sure that it is sent to the media; Sue Donovan will email it to his office.
- ONTV programs: The first episode was filmed and broadcast. It covered the history of the township environment committee and current challenges. It is also available to view on the YouTube section of the ONTV website.
- Home Owners Association Meetings – Chris Barnett invited the committee to speak for 15 minutes or so about Phragmites and have literature to hand out at

the February 27<sup>th</sup> Homeowner's Association meeting that the township is holding. Our main goal for this presentation will be to educate the public about Phragmites and how they hurt the environment. Chris Barnett mentioned that 2 township employees have been certified to treat Phragmites. They will treat stands on township land. He said that in the future perhaps these employees could also offer an alternative to homeowners and subdivisions that are looking to treat small stands. It was decided that Sue Donovan will contact the Oakland Phragmites and Invasive Species task force (OPIS) to give a short presentation at the meeting on February 27<sup>th</sup> to begin the education process for homeowners, and George Hanley and Mike Flood will also be present at the meeting and answer questions and hand out literature. On a related note, Sue Donovan and George Hanley are working on a strategy for the committee on the steps we will take to fight Phragmites in Orion Township, and will email it to the committee members when it is fleshed out. Follow up ONTV programs will be produced as treatment planning is developed.

- Heather Muzzy took care of getting Orion Environmental flyers into Chamber bags for new homeowners, and they are now going into each new build in Orion.
- Committee members discussed their positions in regards to the single trash hauler issue. After discussion, the topic was tabled until our May committee meeting. Mike Flood outlined the content of Ordinance 73, including participation requirements and reporting opportunities. Sue Donovan and George Hanley will talk to the Township Clerk to request a report about recycling from trash haulers and to request that the township Board review Ordinance 73 for possible modification.
- Table Display: Beth Sheridan and Sue Donovan will revise the Environmental Committee display this spring.
- Green Expo 2014 date: Wednesday, March 19<sup>th</sup>, 11:00am-5:00pm. Beth Sheridan will contact Jennifer Vezina and reserve a table for our committee, and bring a sign-up sheet to the next meeting.
- Kroger Proposed Gas Station: Special Land Use was denied but could be appealed.

New Business: None

Reports: 2014 NOHAZ Dates:

Saturday, May 31 at Oxford Middle School  
Saturday, June 21 at Oakland University  
Saturday, August 23 at OCC Highland Lakes, Waterford  
Saturday, September 20 at Friendship Park, Orion

7. Committee Comments: None
8. Adjournment: Beth Sheridan motioned to close the meeting, Mike flood seconded. The motion was approved; meeting adjourned at 12:00pm.

Next meeting is March 3, 2014 at 10am at Orion Center