

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Monday, March 3, 2014

Orion Center – 10:00 AM

1. Call to order: 10:00am by George Hanley
2. Roll call: George Hanley, Beth Sheridan, Joe Laveque, Mike Flood, Tim Mack, Heather Muzzy. Christine Modovsky also attended.
3. Determination of a quorum: Yes, 6 present
4. Public comments: None
5. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes for February 3, 2014 meeting: Mike Flood moved to approve the minutes, Tim Mack seconded, and the motion was approved.
 - b. Approval of agenda: Mike Flood moved and Tim Mack seconded to approve the agenda as amended; approved.
6. Pending business
 - a. Review and confirm project assignment leaders
 - Recycling -Heather Muzzy: The recycling resources list was updated January, 2014; color copies were made and will be included in the Chamber of Commerce Welcome Bags to be delivered to people who purchase new homes being built in Orion Township.
 - No-Haz events- Joe Laveque: Joe will write a press release with dates for and information about the No-Haz events. He will forward it to the committee for review, and then send it to Chris Barnett's office for distribution. The dates are also in our February minutes, and will work on getting the No-Haz press release for included in the township's Constant Contact emails.
 - b. Miscellaneous
 - Bulletin board updates-Beth Sheridan: Beth will have the bulletin board updated in time for the Green Expo; it will include an overview of what the OTER committee does, and the recycling resources list.
 - Table for March Green Expo-Beth Sheridan: An application for a table was submitted during February. Volunteers for our table are: Beth Sheridan 1-3, Heather Muzzy 11-3, George Hanley, 1:30-5, and Chris Modovsky, 3-5.

- 7 Reports on pending business: Christine Modovsky request for appointment as a non-voting member, term expiring 12-31-15, is on the Consent Agenda for approval at the 3/3/14 Orion Township Board meeting.
- 8 New business:
 - a. Consider requesting Township review of Ordinance No. 73: After much discussion it was decided that the committee needs to be sure that we have the Township Board's approval and permission to undertake the project of updating Ordinance 73 "Solid Waste & Recyclable Materials Collection Regulation" before we proceed. George will attend the upcoming joint committee meeting whose purpose is to look at ordinances, and request that our committee review Ordinance 73 to make sure that it is up to date, consistent between different types of residential and commercial buildings, and that all the haulers are required to pick up the same materials. Heather will update the survey conducted in 2011 and updated in 2013 regarding Township licensed haulers, schedules, and recycle pickup.
 - b. At the request of Supervisor Chris Barnett, the committee is being asked to consider forwarding, unto the Board of Trustees, a formal recommendation in regards to the concept and possible Township implementation of a Single Waste Hauler Collection. Mike Flood made a motion to receive and file the draft document he created which describes a proposed committee recommendation to the Township Board on the subject of pursuing/ implementing the concept of a single solid waste and recyclable materials collection hauler. Tim Mack seconded the motion, which was approved. Much discussion followed.
- 9 Phragmites Strategy update: George Hanley will request that we have an oriontownship.org email address created by the township for our committee. Heather will bring a Phragmites handout to the Green Expo. Other discussion on Phragmites was tabled because of lack of time. George Hanley has scheduled a work shop session for those committee members who can attend to discuss Phragmites at 10:00 on Monday, March 31st at the Orion Center. He will reserve a room.
- 10 Committee comments: Mike Flood reported that his trash hauler (Smith's Disposal) is now offering an optional large 35 gallon recycling containers to its customers at a cost to either buy or lease. Currently, they supply a standard recycling bin at no cost to their customers, per Ord. 73.
- 11 Adjournment: Beth Sheridan moved to close the meeting, Mike Flood seconded. The motion was approved; meeting adjourned at 12:10pm.

REMINDER NO SCHEDULED MEETING IN APRIL

Next meeting is May 5, 2014 at 10:00 at Orion Center.