

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Wednesday, October 7, 2015

Lake Orion High School, Auditorium Wing, 8-9:30 am

1. Call to order by the Chair 8:00am
2. Roll call: Sue Donovan, George Hanley, Christine Modovsky, Jessie Richmond, Madeline Braley, student member, Joe Laveque, Mike Flood, Harold Flood, and Beth Sheridan
3. Determination of a quorum: yes
4. Regular order of business
Approval of minutes for Sept. 2015 meeting Mike Flood made a motion to approve both the August and September minutes, Harold Flood seconded; motion was approved.
Approval of agenda: Mike Flood moved to approve the September agenda as written; Christine Modovsky seconded; motion was approved.
5. Pending business
Update, No Haz Day Sept. 19:
 - Mike Flood reported that there were around 829 vehicles, approximately 500 from Orion, which is a little lighter turnout than previous years.
 - The Waterford NOHAZ is 10/24/2015 from 8-12am
 - Orion Township Board increased the proposed budget for NOHAZ for 2016, 2017, and 2018 by \$5,000.00 to prevent Orion Township residents from having to be charged the \$10.00 per vehicle co-pay fee.
 - Joe Laveque is looking for volunteers for the 10/24/2015 NOHAZ day.
Update, Recycling posters:
 - Some of the info has been updated, the remaining will be updated by the November OTERC meeting.
 - Joe Laveque will turn updated information in to Eve Ryan at the Clerk's office to print flyers, which he will bring to our committee to distribute.
 - The file will be sent to Jessie Richmond digitally to update if needed.

Phragmite strategy:

-Ad Hoc committee progress

- Over 30 quotes this year
- Discussed plusses and minuses of various chemicals used for treating various stands of phragmites, depending on many factors.
- Discussed need to have two companies quote projects.
- Discussed the problem of lack of communication between government entities and how it hindered treatment this year.
- It was suggested that the Ad Hoc committee should adopt a set of by-laws.
- It was suggested that the Ad Hoc committee write up a list of recommendations for next year based on successes and problems encountered this year. Sue Donovan is going to set up a meeting with Jeff Stout and the Ad Hoc committee to address this.
- The need for the Ad Hoc committee to market the successful treatments to citizens was discussed.

6. New business

Ordinance 73-Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials-Review

Should committee recommend updating this ordinance to the Board? Hard copies will be supplied, but please review on Township website in advance.

- Mike Flood brought up the fact that Ordinance 73 hasn't been updated/reviewed in years, and that numerous sections of the ordinance should be reviewed and updated. After discussion, Christine Modovsky moved that the committee recommend to the Orion Township Board that the OTERC be granted the authorization and necessary resources to review/update Ordinance 73 and present to the Board for the Board's consideration and input at future Board meetings, for possible first and second readings, attorney review, and publication in the newspaper. Harold Flood seconded; motion was approved.
- Once the Ordinance is reviewed and updated, the OTERC would like to make sure that all requirements in the ordinance are enforced.

Review of OTERC By-Laws: Tabled

7. Committee comments:

- Christine Modovsky asked for volunteers to help provide content for the on-going OTERC website project. Jessie Richmond volunteered.
- Madeline Braley, student member, reported that the Love Orion Township project that she was working on is still in progress, she will try to continue the project soon.

- Sue Donovan requested that we look at meeting times for 2016 at our next meeting; Beth Sheridan will track attendance from 2015 to see which time of the day got the most attendance
 - The question was asked if non- voting members can make motions. The answer was no, but if you are an alternate you can make motions and vote if one of the regular members is absent.
 - Mike Flood let members know that Orion Township recently signed a resolution to continue their support of NOHAZ.
8. Adjournment: Beth Sheridan moved that we adjourn and Joe Laveque seconded; motion was approved at 9:27am

The next meeting is Thursday, Nov. 5, Orion Center, 7 pm