

Charter Township of Orion  
Oakland County, Michigan  
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes  
Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 4, 2016  
Orion Center, 7:00 pm

1. Call to order by the Acting Chairperson, George Hanley, at 7:06 PM
2. Roll call: George Hanley, Christine Modovsky, Mike Flood, Jessie Richmond, Beth Sheridan. Guest, Corinna Womack, prospective member.
3. Determination of a quorum: Yes
4. Regular order of business:
  - A. **Approval of minutes** from December 2015 meeting: Mike Flood moved that the December minutes draft be approved as amended; Christine Modovsky seconded; motion carried.
  - B. **Approval of minutes** from January 2016 meeting: Mike Flood moved that the January minutes draft be approved as presented; Christine Modovsky seconded; motion carried.
  - C. **Approval of agenda:** Mike Flood moved that the agenda be approved as amended, Beth Sheridan seconded; motion carried.
5. Pending business:
  - A. **Election of officers for OTERC 2016:** Motion by Mike Flood, seconded by Christine Modovsky to approve election of officers. Motion carried.

Chairperson: George Hanley  
Vice Chair: Christine Modovsky  
Secretary: Jessie Richmond  
NOHAZ coordinator: Beth Sheridan
  - B. **Meeting schedule:** The committee again reviewed the tentative meeting schedule for possible changes necessary to accommodate member schedules, especially as new members are added to the committee. Several alternatives were discussed, including meeting earlier in the evening. Work, volunteer and family responsibilities will need to be considered as new members join, but at the present time, the schedule will not be changed.
  - C. **Status of review and update process for Ordinance No. 73: Solid Waste & Recyclable Materials Collection Regulation:** Amendments to Ordinance No. 73 under review include the frequency of recycling pickups, adding signage to commercial trash enclosures to limit pickup times in order to reduce noise for residential neighbors, how to enforce the requirement to provide curbside/roadside recycling multi-family residences/ complexes and the need for clarity regarding the ordinance's applicability to trash pickup from non-residential properties. Mike Flood will circulate draft recommendations for ordinance revision to OTERC. The final version will be presented at the next joint Township board/ZBA/Planning meeting (date TBD). The committee also discussed the status of commercial haulers

including licensing requirements, whether further review or potential recommendations would be made related to a single-source hauler, the method for residents to call to report reckless haulers, if there should be a requirement for commercial haulers to offer a recycling service to commercial customers, and if so, what might incentivize businesses to participate.

- D. **LOve our Township campaign update** (Greener Orion): Tabled until the March meeting so our student representative can participate.
- E. **Update on Phragmites Bylaws Process**: Julie Savard, Township clerk, confirmed that an ad hoc group does not need bylaws to function as a committee. The ad hoc committee should follow a formalized structure, but there are no term limits for members.

## 6. New Business

- A. **Review of solar array project at Powers Distributing facility**: In January, Powers Distributing announced the first PACE project in Oakland County. Under Michigan's PACE statute, companies can obtain long-term financing for recently completed clean energy projects. Powers affixed more than 16,000 square-feet of solar panels on the roof of its recycling center and installed LED lighting; saving Powers thousands of dollars and helping the company meet its sustainability goals. The committee noted that Powers Distributing has set a great example for other businesses in our community, which need to be a certain size in order for the program to be commercially viable.
- B. **Membership**: The committee currently has two open voting seats and one open non-voting seat. The Township has posted a notice on their website and on their Facebook page. A notice was also shared on the Lake Orion Chat Room Facebook page. Three residents have expressed interest but no one has yet submitted an application to the Township. Our guest Corinna Womack asked if OTERC had a dedicated Facebook page, and Jessie Richmond volunteered to create one.
- C. **Ad Hoc committee status**: A brief overview of the phragmites project was shared. Contact information for phragmites removal will be passed on to the Lakes of Indianwood HOA.
- D. **NO HAZ 2016**: Clarkston, Pontiac and Springfield Township have joined the NO HAZ consortium, which should lower costs overall. 2016 dates are available on the NO HAZ website. The collection in Orion Township will be October 15, 2016. The location has not been finalized. Last year's turnout was very good so a bigger spot is preferred for 2016.

## 7. Committee Comments

- George Hanley invited Corinna Womack to join the committee, and advised that she should complete the Township committee application if she was interested.
- George Hanley also has contacted LOHS about securing a meeting room for our morning meetings instead of the current location.
- Mike Flood shared information about the Waste Management free disposal days on Saturday June 4, 2016 and Saturday, September 10, 2016. The primary intent is disposal for construction debris from small home improvement projects. Household hazardous materials and yard waste will not be accepted

8. Adjournment

- Mike Flood moved that we adjourn, Jessie Richmond seconded the motion; motion approved at 8:37 PM.

**Next meeting Wednesday, March 2, 2016 at 7:30 am at LOHS**