

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County Michigan

Environmental Resource Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, February 1, 2018
Orion Center 7:00PM

1. **Call to order** by the Chair 7:06 pm
2. **Roll Call:**
Present: George Hanley, Kristen Schweitzer, Mike Deluca, Corinna Womack, Matthew Menghini, Jessie Richmond. Absent (with notice):, Mike Flood, Harold Flood, Rodney Tocco. Absent (without notice):, Austin Edwards
3. **Determination of a quorum:** yes
4. **Public comments:** none
5. **Regular order of business**
 - a. **Approval of minutes:** Deluca moved to accept the January 4 minutes as presented; seconded by Womack; motion carried.
 - b. **Approval of agenda:** Womack moved to approve the agenda for the February 1 meeting as presented; seconded by Deluca; motion carried.
 - c. **Pending Business:**
 - i. **Reusable bag logo design contest** – Hanley took bag samples to M&B Graphics for printing and design quotes. Adding a graphic to the current WM bags would be about \$1.00 per bag and could be completed in less than a week. Having new bags made and printed is about \$2.50 per bag with a 2-3 week lead time. Both quotes are approximate and would be refined once an accurate bag count is provided. Hanley will speak with Karen Knox of the Orion Township Library to see if they have any WM bags that we can use for the project. If this is not an option, Womack will ask Kathy Klein at WM if we can get more of their bags before the May timeline presented at last month’s meeting. Hanley will discuss with Parks Director Whatley to see if the Township would cover any related costs. Deluca sent was told by LOHS that the information about the logo contest would be distributed to art students. To date no submissions have been received for the contest. The deadline is March 19.
 - ii. **Green Business award status**– Committee members continue to highlight the contest on social media, but to date no nominations have been received. Team members were asked to take applications to local businesses to explain and publicize the contest. Deluca will keep a list of businesses that have been canvassed to avoid duplicating efforts. He will also write an article about the award and submit it to the Lake Orion Review. Assuming businesses are nominated, Supervisor Barnett will be asked to present the first quarterly award. If scheduling allows, the team would prefer this be done during the annual State of the Township speech.
6. **New Business**
 - a. **Election of Officers:** After reviewing the by-laws and discussing nominations, Deluca made a motion, seconded by Womack, to ask the current officers to continue in their role for another year, with the exception of Vice Chair. Motion carried. 2018 Officers are: Chairperson – George Hanley; Vice Chair – Mike Deluca; Treasurer (NoHaz Coordinator) – Mike Flood; Secretary – Jessie Richmond

7. **Reports –**

- a. **2018 Greenup Planning Meeting:** Parks & Recreation Director Whatley organized a meeting on January 24 to discuss the upcoming event, which will be held on April 14, 2018. The base site will again be Alberici Lodge at Camp Agawam. Flyers are available for volunteer distribution, and Whatley will send informational letters to local HOAs. Lunch will be provided for the volunteers. New sponsors are needed to provide food for the lunch since Hollywood Markets closed. Residents can submit project list suggestions via the Greenup Facebook page or by email to the Township. The February planning meeting will be held on either the 14th or the 21st, with future meetings planned for March 7 and April 4. Meetings are open to anyone.

8. **Committee Comments –**

- a. Hanley – Asked for an update on the NEP application. Richmond had just received approval from Aaron Whatley to submit the application to MDEQ and will work on the content. A status update will be provided at the next ERC meeting. Hanley suggested that efforts to treat Phragmites would also be a good candidate for the program.

9. **Adjournment:** Richmond moved to adjourn at 8:05 pm, seconded by Womack; motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, March 1, 2018

7:00 PM

Orion Center, Arts & Crafts Room