

**Charter Township of Orion**  
Oakland County Michigan

**Environmental Resource Committee Minutes**

Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 5, 2018  
Orion Center 7:00 PM

1. **Call to order** by the Chair 7:06 pm
2. **Roll Call:**  
Present: Matthew Menghini, Mike Flood, Rodney Tocco, George Hanley, Mike Deluca, Jessie Richmond.  
Absent (with notice): Harold Flood.
3. **Determination of a quorum:** yes
4. **Public comments:** none
5. **Regular order of business**
  - a. **Approval of minutes:** Tocco moved to accept the February 1 minutes as presented; seconded by M. Flood; motion carried.
  - b. **Approval of agenda:** M. Flood made a motion to amend the agenda for the April 5 to remove the reference to approve the March minutes, as none were available, and to add two points to section 5e. Reports – 2018 No-HAZ program and Committee membership updated. Motion was seconded by Richmond; motion carried.
  - c. **Pending Business:**
    - i. **Reusable bag logo design contest** – The committee received 40 entries from area school students. The committee chose a design by Elizabeth “Libby” Oyoian as the winning entry. Ms. Oyoian will receive a bag and \$50. The Township Parks Department paid for nominal printing costs to have 30 bags printed with the design, which will be given away during the Orion Green-up on April 14. Another 300 bags will be shared with the Orion Township library and will contain both the winning logo and the library logo. A display of the artwork will be sent to the schools. M. Flood suggested the clerk’s office be contacted with a request to display the entries on ONTV. The committee was impressed by the quality of the artwork submitted by local students.
    - ii. **Green Business award status**– Although the award has been marketed by team members, on social media, and in the Lake Orion Review, no entries were received by the deadline. M. Flood will speak with Supervisor Barnett and Lake Orion Chamber of Commerce president Pfeiffer to see if they will assist in supporting the effort for the 2<sup>nd</sup> quarter 2018. Deluca will update the nomination form with a due date of June 30 and send to M. Flood for distribution.
6. **New Business**
  - a. **Website update – Glass recycling:** Robin Sharkey, a teacher with Kingston Schools, sent an email to the township about a 4<sup>th</sup> grade student she tutors, Ellie, who found the Township website Environmental page while researching recycling information for an environmental lesson for Earth Day this year. Mrs. Sharkey and Ellie wanted to send us some positive feedback about our content, and shared some information on glass recycling that they felt would be a good addition to our page. The committee greatly appreciated the comments, but since the link she provided did not cite sources for their recycling facts and was a page promoting a business outside out Township, we will not add the link to our website page. However the committee did feel that it was a good idea to add information about glass recycling to our web page. Richmond will send a response to Mrs. Sharkey thanking her for the feedback on behalf of the committee.

- b. **Ordinance 73 update** – M. Flood submitted a letter on behalf of the ERC to request that multi-family residences are not neglected during the updates to the Ordinance. The letter and related documents are available in the Board packet on the Township website. M. Flood attended last night’s planning meeting and reported that the Planning Board is very receptive to including provisions for recycling collection points and services in their discussions with local developers. The Township started the ad hoc committee to review the possibilities of a single-source waste hauler. The Township does have legal authority to implement a single-source waste hauler if that decision is made. New annual licenses were issued in March to four waste haulers in the area (95 trucks). The committee decision and any related actions will coincide with the expiration of those licenses on March 31, 2019. The committee spent some time discussing some of the options that the ad hoc committee will explore.

7. **Reports –**

- a. **NEP application status** – Richmond reported that she submitted an application for Orion Township to be recognized by the State of Michigan as a Neighborhood Environmental Partner (NEP) for their Green-up Orion activities. The application and the related documentation was reviewed and approved by Parks & Recreation Director Aaron Whatley. The application window has now closed and the State is reviewing the applications. Communities who are chosen for recognition will be notified in May.
- b. **2018 Green-up Orion planning status:** Hanley reported that 20 projects have been chosen for the event, which will be held on Saturday, April 14. He felt that the event could use more exposure, and will continue to ask local businesses to post the flyer. Handouts are also an option.
- c. **No-Haz 2018** – M. Flood handed out the 2018 No-Haz brochures including the collection locations and dates. Lake Orion does not have a dedicated event because we have outgrown all available locations. Instead there will be a collection at the Oakland County Service Center on Telegraph Road on Saturday, September 8. Posters are available for distribution in addition to the brochures.
- d. **Committee membership updates** – Committee member Austin Edwards submitted his resignation, with regret, due to relocation out of the Township. Committee member Karen Schweitzer submitted her resignation, with regret, due to increased work commitments. The committee now has openings for an Alternate member and a Non-voting member in addition to our opening for Student members. Vacancies and application forms are posted on the Township website.

8. **Committee Comments –**

- a. Deluca – Mentioned that the program “Social Justice and Climate Change” is to be held next Monday at 7:00 pm at the Orion Township Library. The program is sponsored by Lockhart’s BBQ.
- b. Richmond – Shared articles from the Lake Orion Review about the repair clinic at the Orion Township Library on Saturday April 14, and about a project to bring in goats to graze along the Polly Ann trail in an effort to control invasive species.
- c. M. Flood – Shared information that there will be a shred event at the Orion Center in May or June.

9. **Adjournment:** M. Flood moved to adjourn at 8:09 pm, seconded by Deluca; motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, May3, 2018  
7:00 PM  
Orion Center, Arts & Crafts Room