

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County Michigan

Environmental Resource Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 7, 2018
Orion Center 7:00 PM

1. **Call to order** by the Chair 7:10 pm
2. **Roll Call:**
Present: Mike Deluca, Harold Flood, Mike Flood, George Hanley, Jessie Richmond, Rodney Tocco, Corinna Womack.
Absent (with notice): Matthew Menghini.
3. **Determination of a quorum:** yes
4. **Public comments:** none
5. **Regular order of business**
 - a. **Approval of minutes:** Womack moved to accept the April 2018 and May 2018 minutes as presented; seconded by Deluca; motion carried.
 - b. **Approval of agenda:** Richmond moved to accept the May 2018 and June 2018 agendas as presented; seconded by Tocco; motion carried.
 - c. **Pending Business:**
 - i. **Reusable bag logo design contest** – Bags with the winning design were handed out at Greenup Orion. Aaron Whatley has the remainder. Bags with both the winning design and the library logo were handed out at the Township Library as part of their book sale. Attendees paid \$5 to fill the bags with books.
 - ii. **Green Business award status** – There are still no entries in the contest. The committee discussed several businesses with “green” practices that we would like to recognize. Deluca will speak with the owners of Nutz About Chocolate about the award. Committee would prefer the winning business be recognized with a decal they can display in their window and would ask the BOT to recognize them at a Board meeting and in the Supervisor’s column in the Township Outreach magazine, as well as submitting an article for the Lake Orion Review.
 - iii. **Annual review environmental resources list** – M. Flood and H. Flood both gave updates to Womack at the meeting. M. Flood indicated that he needs to verify if Christmas Trees will still be recycled in the township since they are discontinuing the free woodchip program. This is due to invasive species in the chips, as the trees come from all over the country. Hanley and Menghini will get their updates to her as soon as possible. Womack will update the file. M. Flood also noted that the most recent publication of the Township Outreach magazine contained the 2016 version of the list and not the most recent 2017 list.
6. **New Business:** none
7. **Reports** –
 - a. **NEP application status** – Richmond reported that the State has not yet announced the winners of the 2018 Neighborhood Environmental Partner awards. She attempted to contact the program representative twice but has had no feedback. FAQs on the State website now indicate that communities who are chosen for recognition will be notified in Spring 2018.

- b. **Greenup Orion** – Hanley reported that turnout was low due to inclement weather. Thirty-seven people signed in at Camp Agawam. There were 22 projects offered and 11 were completed. Fifty-two bags of trash were collected. Hanley encouraged the Committee to review the remaining projects and take them on ourselves. M. Flood suggested Hanley check with Aaron Whatley first to be sure they were not assigned to Summer employees of the Parks Department.

8. **Committee Comments** –

- a. Hanley – Requested that Tocco check the Feed-A-Bee grant deadlines. Tocco submitted a request for information via his smartphone. Tocco suggested that it may be an option to purchase seeds directly rather than apply for a grant. He also gave information on a Young Beekeepers award that might fit in with the program.
- b. Tocco – Reported that he drove by an area on Clarkston Road that appeared to be burned for weed control.
- c. M. Flood – Shared the latest membership list with the Committee; shared a flyer for Free Disposal Day at Eagle Valley landfill on June 9 (next date will be September 15); gave a status update on Ordinance 73 that the Township Attorney is drafting language for the BOT to review regarding the proposed changes; and reminded the committee that there is no meeting scheduled for July.
- d. Hanley – Reported that he received a list from Jeff Stout listing properties participating in the Phragmites treatment program. Stout will begin the 2018 process next Friday and PLM will carry out the treatment. Team discussed some of the areas that still need to be treated. Tocco suggested using a drone to review previously inaccessible areas to evaluate Phragmites growth and future treatment sites.

9. **Adjournment:** H. Flood moved to adjourn at 8:18 pm, seconded by Tocco; motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, August 2, 2018
7:00 PM
Orion Center, Arts & Crafts Room