

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 6, 2018

Orion Center, Arts & Crafts Room,

7:00 PM

1. **Call to order** by the Chair: 7:07 pm
2. **Roll call:**
Present: George Hanley, Corinna Womack, Matt Menghini, Mike Deluca, Harold Flood, Jessie Richmond
Absent (with notice): Mike Flood, Rodney Tocco
3. **Determination of a quorum:** yes
4. **Public comments:** None
5. **Regular order of business**
 - a. **Approval of minutes** from August 2018 meeting: H. Flood made a motion to amend the minutes to include Hanley's proposed nominees for the green business award, to adopt several minor clarification recommended by Hanley for the topics Logo contest 2019 and Feed a Bee, and to add content to section 5h regarding the plan to contact local businesses with phragmites infestations about treatment. Motion was seconded by Womack; motion carried.
 - b. **Approval of agenda** for the September 2018 regular meeting: H. Flood made a motion to amend the agenda to eliminate topic 5.d.i. in Tocco's absence. Motion was seconded by Womack; motion carried.
 - c. **Pending business**
 - i. Green Business award status: Team members have not nominated a local business for the award yet, but it is still planned. Hanley suggested the committee recognize the county sheriff and village police for their drug collection containers but no motion was passed. Chris Barnett will be asked if the winning business could be posted at the township hall similar to Citizen of the Month awards, as well as providing them something to display at their business. 4th quarter winner is to be chosen the October meeting and forwarded to the BOT for approval.
 - ii. Logo contest 2019: Deluca reminded the team that last year there were submissions from the middle school in addition to the high school. The winning entry will be printed on reusable bags and the winner will get a small cash award. WM will be contacted to see if they are willing to donate the bags and the committee will organize the printing. October is the target timeframe for posting the announcement at the schools. The bags are shared with the library so we may be able to promote it in their newsletter.

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

6. New Business

- i. Phragmites update: In August, Jeff Stout reported that 12 township sites had already expressed interest in participating this fall. Hanley conducted community outreach since then and several businesses are committing to treatment. He feels that there will be about 17-20 properties in all who treat the invasive species, covering a significant amount of acreage.
- ii. No-Haz volunteers: This Saturday's event is being held at the Oakland County campus. There is one other event to be held this year at OCC on October 13. H. Flood will contact M. Flood to email the committee if volunteers are needed for these events.
- iii. Membership: Hanley reached out to a potential student member but the email address he had was rejected. H. Flood suggested that M. Flood make an announcement in his board member comments that we are looking to fill the empty membership slots. We have 3 non-voting member spots. Four current members have terms expiring in December 2018.

7. Reports:

- a. **NEP application status** – Richmond spoke to Devan Dodge at the Michigan Department of Environmental Quality regarding our application for recognition for the GreenUp event. The person responsible for issuing the certificates to the winning applicants has been on extended jury duty for the last four months. They expect to recognize winners before the end of the year.

8. Committee comments:

- Round table discussion on waste hauler issues in the community and the status of the ad-hoc committee to research a single waste hauler proposal.
- Womack commented that the printable environmental resources list on the township website is listed twice but one is the 2015 version and one the 2017 version. She will contact JulieAnn Savard and ask her to remove the obsolete versions and update the with the current list.
- Deluca asked a question about ownership of the small pond on the Paint Creek trail extension because he noticed phragmites there. Hanley will check into it.

9. **Adjournment**: H. Flood moved to adjourn at 8:10 PM, seconded by Womack; motion carried.

Next meeting: Thursday, October 4 , 2018
7:00 PM
Orion Center, Arts & Crafts Room