

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting, Thursday, April 7, 2016
Orion Township Library

1. Call to order by the Chairperson, George Hanley, at 7:05 PM
2. Roll call: George Hanley, Beth Sheridan, Mike Flood, Jessie Richmond, Jacqui Carlson (guest)
3. Determination of a quorum: Yes
4. Regular order of business:
 - a) **Approval of minutes** from March 2016 meeting: Beth Sheridan moved that the February minutes draft be approved as amended; Jessie Richmond seconded; motion carried.
 - b) **Approval of agenda**: Mike Flood moved that the agenda be approved as amended, Beth Sheridan seconded; motion carried.
5. Pending business:
 - a) **Greener Orion campaign update**: Township Supervisor Chris Barnett highlighted the campaign in his recent State of the Township address, and it was also featured at the last Senior Advisory Council meeting. George Hanley followed up with Adam Lepp, Park Manager at Bald Mountain Recreation Area, and Kenneth Van Portfliet, LO Village Council President, about future events. The date of the first "greenup" is confirmed for May 14, 2016. As Madeline Braley was unable to attend this meeting, Beth Sheridan will contact her to find out the details and determine in what ways the ERC can support this and future events. Several community members have been asking questions about the campaign via Facebook, so information and related activities will be promoted on the ERC Facebook page.
 - b) **Membership drive**: Two residents have expressed interest in joining the committee. Jacqui Carlson attended our meeting as a guest and potential future committee member, and Mike Flood received an email from an interested party who is submitting an application to join the committee. If both are approved, there will still be one available position on the committee. We will continue our membership drive at future events and if necessary, as part of the content of the ERC table which will be set up at the library this summer.
 - c) **Environmental Resources List**: Verification of recycling locations featured on the list has begun. Updates to current listings and suggestions for new recycling sources have been sent to Corinna Womack.
6. New Business
 - a) **PSA-Joint Meeting Scheduled BOT-PC-ZBA**: Mike Flood provided information on the upcoming joint meeting of the Orion Township Board of Trustees (BOT), Planning Commission (PC) and Zoning Board of Appeals (ZBA) which will be held on Wednesday April 27, 2016 beginning at 6:00 PM. The meeting will be held at the Orion Township Hall. The purpose of the meeting is setting future goals and strategic planning for our community, and all residents are encouraged to attend.
 - b) **Ordinance 73 (Solid Waste & Recyclable Materials Collection Regulation) Update**: Proposed revisions to Ordinance 73 will be presented for discussion as part of the BOT-PC-ZBA joint meeting referenced above.

- c) **2016 NOHAZ update and literature:** Mike Flood distributed samples of the 2016 NoHaz literature to the committee. Aaron Whatley, Parks Director, has additional flyers and brochures. The first collection event will be held Saturday, April 30 at Oxford Middle School. The collection event in Orion Township will be Saturday October 15. There are several other events in-between these dates, and volunteers will be needed for traffic control. Beth Sheridan will contact the former NoHaz coordinator for volunteer contact information from previous events, and will contact ONTV to request they publicize the events.

7. Committee Comments

- Beth Sheridan confirmed June 23-29 as the date of the ERC table at Orion Township Library. Committee members should contact Beth with ideas for content.
- Mike Flood handed out a notice of public hearing regarding the Orion Township Corridor Improvement Authority Development Plan and Tax Increment Financing Plan, which will be held Monday May 16, 2016 at 7:00 PM in the Township Hall Boardroom.
- Mike also informed the Phragmite ad hoc committee that the brick building at the corner of Joslyn & Brown roads is owned by AT&T.
- George Hanley expressed concern that the Phragmites along Brown needed treatment before the proposed lane widening begins.
- George also thanked Jacqui Carlson for attending the committee meeting, and invited her to complete an application to join the committee.

8. Adjournment

Mike Flood moved that we adjourn, Beth Sheridan seconded the motion; motion approved at 8:13 PM.

Next meeting:

Wednesday, May 4, 2016 @ Lake Orion CERC, 7:30 am