

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County, Michigan
Environmental Resources Committee Minutes
Regular Meeting, Thursday, August 4, 2016
Orion Center, 7:00-8:30 PM

- 1) Call to order by the Chairperson, George Hanley, at 7:07 PM
- 2) Roll call: George Hanley, Jacqui Carlson, Mike Deluca, Corinna Womack
- 3) Determination of a quorum: Yes
- 4) Regular order of business
 - a) **Approval of minutes** from July 2016 meeting: Jacqui Carlson moved that the July minutes draft be approved as amended; Mike Deluca seconded; motion carried.
 - b) **Approval of agenda:** Jacqui Carlson moved that the agenda be approved as amended; Mike Deluca seconded; motion carried.
- 5) Pending business
 - a) **OTERC website update:** Mike Deluca has been in contact with Julie Savard who has been non-committal to the idea of a new and separate website. She said she would like to update the current site. Mike explained that any changes the committee would like to make should be passed to her and then she will pass it on to a third party who updates the website.

For the time being, the committee has decided to continue to update the website by normal channels. Mike Deluca will continue to talk to Julie about updating their site so that it may include links to a new site and to the OTERC Facebook page. He will remind her that we will still plan on keeping and updating the current site as well. The committee also noted that the current OTERC website has two “dead” links listed which should be removed and that the meeting times and locations are not accurate. Mike volunteered to let Julie Savard know about these errors.

The committee also discussed utilizing the OTERC Facebook page more and asking Jessie Richmond to make other members administrators on the group. Corinna Womack suggested holding contests through the page for an OTERC Citizen of the Month. Members also expressed interest in creating email addresses for members for the community to be able to communicate with us.
 - b) **Phragmites treatment planning 2016 season status:** George Hanley updated the committee. There are about 100 DEQ conservation easement properties in the Township which require owners to submit paperwork outlining the infestations on their property along with a plan to treat appropriately in order to receive permission to treat from the DEQ. Jeff Stout has worked with

DEQ personnel to establish a process for this season to allow treatment by certified suppliers under the Township permit process. As a result, a number of these type properties may be treated this year. Also, the Road Commission has agreed to provide funding to retreat road basins throughout the Township that were treated in 2015, but mowing too close to the treatment dates in many locations significantly reduced effectiveness. Mowing will be restricted appropriately. It was also noted construction along Lapeer Rd would reduce the opportunity to treat this season. George has been contacting locations that were contacted in 2015 but did not treat, including Stratford Village and Barrington Cove developments as well as the ITC power line company.

- c) **Status of Ordinances 73 (Solid Waste) and 151 (Phragmites control):** An update from Mike Flood regarding Ordinance 73 will be need next meeting as he was not in attendance.
 - d) **OTERC presentation to BOT:** The committee discussed doing a two-year presentation next year (2017) for both 2015 and 2016 updates. The committee will discuss with Mike Flood at next OTERC meeting.
 - e) **No Haz volunteer status:** Jacqui Carlson will volunteer for Orion Township for the September 10 No Haz event if Beth Sheridan has not been able to find another volunteer. Jacqui will contact Beth.
 - f) **Membership update:** The question was brought up about new members not having a full term according to the Orion Township ERC website. This is because if a member resigns before their term is up, whoever takes their place finishes the rest of that resigned member's term. There is a vacant voting member spot and the committee discussed possibly having Jacqui Carlson or Mike Deluca take this spot.
- 6) New Business
- a) **No Haz process change re CRT's (cathode ray tubes), other screen products:** This will be discussed at the September 2016 meeting when Mike Flood is in attendance.
 - b) **Green Up Lake Orion Fall Project possibility:** This may be a possibility in October if the event is able to be organized by then. We agreed to brainstorm on project ideas for this event.
 - Invasive Garlic Mustard – According to Camp Agawam the best treatment is to pull the weeds. Glyphosphate may also be helpful; however the committee does not have enough information at this time. This could be a project during a Green Up event. Mike Deluca suggested this be done in the spring before the plants spreads its seeds. Corinna volunteered to inquire if the Boy Scouts may be interested in this project as well in order to earn a badge.
- 7) Committee comments
- Mike Deluca was interested in how the previous Green Up event was organized and it was brought to the committee's attention that possibly not enough of the community was aware of the event. The committee agreed that for the next Green Up event it should be put on the OTERC website and page and that the committee should take a more active role in the process.

- Corinna Womack suggested holding a contest for a design for OTERC on a reusable bag or water mugs which would be sold at the Orion Township offices in order to get people more involved. She also suggested there needs to be more environmental education for children and that OTERC should have some kind of event for Earth Day.
- George suggested we have a better way of keeping in touch with each other. Email addresses were exchanged and Mike Deluca offered to create an email group for the members of OTERC.

8) Adjournment

- Jacqui Carlson moved that we adjourn, Mike Deluca seconded the motion; motion approved at 8:07 PM.

Next meeting Wednesday, September 7, 2016

CERC Building, 7:30 – 9:00 am