

Charter Township of Orion
Oakland County Michigan

Environmental Resource Committee Minutes
Special Meeting, Wednesday, April 5, 2017
Orion Township Library, Conference Room B, 7:00 PM

1. Call to order by the Chair 7:02 pm
2. Roll Call: George Hanley, Corinna Womack, Matt Menghini, Jessie Richmond and Rodney Tocco.
3. Determination of a quorum: yes
4. Regular order of business:
 - a. **Membership:** Beth Sheridan resigned from the committee with regret on March 20, 2017. The committee would like to thank her for her dedication and service. As a result of this opening, the Township Board approved OTERC's request to change Alternate Member Matthew Menghini to Voting Member status per OTERC bylaws, at the Monday, April 3, 2017 Board meeting. The request included having the Township advertise to fill vacant Alternate Member position. There are also vacancies for a Non-voting Member and a Student Member. Rodney Tocco will contact the chair of Oakland University's EHS program to see if they would recommend a candidate.
 - b. **Recycling Flyer:** The content of the flyer has been reviewed for accuracy and necessary edits have been made by Corinna Womack, primarily to eliminate redundancies. Rodney Tocco suggested the format be converted to .pdf to allow for consistent printing. Jessie Richmond moved to accept the revisions to the flyer as proposed, seconded by Rodney Tocco; motion carried. Corinna Womack will submit the file to the Township for uploading to the website.
 - c. **Status Ordinance 151 (Phragmites Control):** The committee was informed that the Charter Township of Orion Board of Trustees has no desire nor consideration of reviewing and/or amending this newly Board of Trustees adopted ordinance. Discussion ensued.
 - d. **Status Ordinance 73 (Solid Waste and Recyclable Materials Collection):** The committee reviewed Proposed Draft #2 provided by Mike Flood via email prior to the meeting. Public comments are due by April 7. This draft contains some inconsistencies regarding recycling at multi-family units, whereby the Ordinance requires recycling be provided to multi-family residences in Section 11 but there are no provisions for multi-family customers to recycle in Section 13. Rodney Tocco moved to request modifications to Proposed Draft #2 as follows: Change title of Section 11 to *Curbside/Roadside/Property Recycling* and add point 2.c. *Commercial, Industrial properties: not applicable*; Revise Section 13 point B to read:
 - B. *Multiple-Family Customers.*
 1. *Each customer of a licensed solid waste and recyclable materials collector within Orion Township shall retain all substances to be collected between scheduled pick-ups in an inconspicuous place on their premises and in suitable water-tight containers. (amended mm/dd/yy)*
 2. *Not earlier than 6:00 p.m. the night before the scheduled pick-up, receptacles containing the solid waste and recyclable materials to be collected may be placed at the edge of the roadway for pick-up. (amended mm/dd/yy)*
 3. *After pick-up, all empty receptacles shall be removed from the street promptly, but not later than 8:00 p.m., on the day of collection;*

And change the remaining part of point B (Commercial, Industrial...) to Point C. Corinna Womack seconded; motion carried. Jessie Richmond will submit the request to Mike Flood prior to the April 7, 2017 deadline.

- e. **Green-up Day 2017:** George Hanley submitted a list of proposed projects to Aaron Whatley, Parks Director, and noted that committee members or any other residents can identify additional sites for inclusion in the township work list, or as volunteers noting that their group will clean up an identified area. Aaron told George that he did not need committee members to help in the set up and registration process at Camp Agawam. Interested parties should go to Camp Agawam from 8:00 - 9:00 am on April 22 to sign in and get an assignment. George noted that he had distributed Green Up flyers to about 20 businesses in the township and provided copies for members to distribute. He noted that most contacts posted the flyers, although many have removed the community boards that used to provide a convenient posting opportunity.
 - f. **Outreach processes:** There is nothing new to report on the progress of the Green Award for Orion Township businesses. We will focus on this at the next regular meeting.
 - g. **2017 NoHaz:** Update from Mike Flood via email - A 5th grade student attending Orion Oaks Elementary School has won 3rd place in the county NO HAZ poster contest! NO HAZ pamphlets have been distributed at Township Hall, Orion Community Center, Orion Township Public Library, Village of Lake Orion Hall and Eagle Valley Landfill. The first collection event is scheduled Saturday, April 15, 2017 at Oxford Middle School.
 - h. **FeedABee:** The committee would like to encourage the township to partner with the Feed a Bee Initiative by planting pollinator attractant plants and gardens around the community. Some potential areas would be the Township offices, Orion Center, Orion Township Library, Baldwin Road pocket parks, and Lapeer Road medians. Jessie Richmond will draft a letter to Township Supervisor Chris Barnett to gauge interest in this project. Projects can be as simple as a 10x10 plot, but maintenance will have to be planned. George Hanley will contact a local beekeeper to see if he would recommend habitats.
5. Public Comments - None
6. Committee comments:
- a. An inquiry was forwarded to George Hanley from Kathy Klein at Waste Management. Local resident Austin Edwards was inquiring about any food composting programs in the area. Neither Ms. Klein nor the committee is aware of any community program. OTERC encourages residents to compost at home.
 - b. There are still some outdated links related to environmental topics on the Orion Township website.
7. Adjournment. Jessie Richmond moved to adjourn, seconded by Corinna Womack; motion carried. Meeting ended at 8:22 pm.

Next meeting Thursday, May 4, 2017, 7-9 pm
Orion Center, Lower Level, Arts & Crafts Room