

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes Regular

Meeting, Thursday, March 7, 2019

Orion Center, Arts & Crafts Room

7:00 PM

1. Call to order by the Chair: George Hanley, 7:14pm
2. Roll call:
 - a. Mike Flood, Corinna Womack, Rodney Tocco, Jessie Richmond, George Hanley, Matt Menghini, Paige Porter, Mike Deluca (phone – tele-conference)
 - b. Absent (with notice): Harold Flood
3. Determination of a quorum: yes
4. Public comments: None
5. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes from February 2019 meeting: Rodney Tocco made a motion to approve minutes as presented. Motion seconded by Jessie Richmond; motion carried.
 - b. Approval of agenda for March 2019 regular meeting: Mike Flood made motion to approve agenda, motion seconded by Jessie Richmond; motion carried.
 - c. Pending business
 - i. Green Up design contest for bags.
 1. Mike Deluca followed up with WM and the library, as well as teachers at the middle school and high school to advertise our Green Up design contest for reusable bags. So far no response from the schools. Mike Deluca needs information so we can complete WM bag printing in time for the Green Up date on April 27th. Due date for designs is March 15th and the winner will be selected by March 20th. Designs will be reviewed by OTERC and a winner will be recommended to WM to be placed on the reusable bags. George Hanley recommended that we display the winning design as well as runner up designs to be displayed at the library.
 - ii. Green Up date (set for April 27) at Orion Center – moved from Camp Agawam to Orion Center for visibility, however, the Orion Township Outreach publication still has Camp Agawam listed as the location for Green Up. Major projects will carry forward from last year for cleanup and new projects may be added, particularly if a team is identified.
 - iii. First Quarter Green Business Recognition suggestions
 1. George Hanley commented that unused or outdated medication can and should be disposed of properly through the containers provided at the Oakland County Sheriff office in the township hall and at the LO Village Police station downtown instead of being flushed or thrown out or

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inadvertently allowed to be inappropriately accessed by someone. He recommended that both offices be nominated for a Green Up award. Jessie Richmond pointed out that their practice is more of a safety precaution, not necessarily environmentally friendly. George Hanley made a motion to recognize for them both for the 1st Quarter Green Business award. Rodney Tocco seconded the motion. Mike Deluca and George Hanley will provide a write-up for nomination of the award(s) and will send out to the committee for review. Motion carried.

iv. Odd Jobs status

1. Mike Flood provided feedback pertaining to Odd Jobs Disposal and discussed the January 7, 2019 Township Board meeting with a co-owner of Odd Jobs present. The Board required them to provide formal written answers to the township attorney's letter that was served on to them by a process server. They had until February 25, 2019 to provide the township with their formal written response addressing the hundreds of citizens' complaints received by the township clerk and supervisor's office, as well their non-compliance to Ordinance 73 - Solid Waste & Recyclable Materials Collection Regulation issues, as addressed in the attorney's letter. Odd Jobs Disposal co-owners were notified of the March 4, 2019 Board of Trustees meeting. Neither co-owner attended the March 4, 2019 meeting. No formal reply letter (addressing attorney's letter) was received by the township. Instead, a friend of Odd Jobs read a letter to the board. The letter had no letterhead or signatures. The Township did not revoke Odd Jobs' license. The Township has sent out letters to all the current trash haulers for license renewal (Waste Management, GFL, Advanced, and Odd Jobs). It is not clear if Odd Jobs will reapply for a license. Currently, all waste hauler licenses will expire on March 31, 2019. On March 18, 2019, the Board will consider to approve or disapprove Odd Jobs Disposal re-application to be a permitted waste hauler in the township (if they so choose to reapply) for the period of April 1, 2019-March 31, 2020. The Orion Township Outreach publication did not include Odd Jobs as a current listed waste hauler, however, this most likely is due to a clerical/publication error. Odd Jobs is still listed on the Township website as a current licensed waste hauler. Reference Ordinance 73, section 5, Application Process, for more details on Waste Hauler licensing criteria.

v. Membership for open positions

1. Mike Deluca to inquire about applying for the non-voting member open position.

vi. Feed-a-Bee project prospects

1. George Hanley provided a description of the Feed-a-Bee project and recommended that we revisit this project again, utilizing the documents and proposal developed two-years ago, modified to reflect any required changes. Paige Porter will take the lead on this effort with respect to any needed project changes. The initial application for a grant is due by March 15th. Jessie Richmond will provide copies of the documents from the original application to Paige Porter.

d. New business

- I. Welcome newly appointed member, Paige Porter

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- II. Alkaline batteries disposal
 - a. Mike Flood reports that alkaline batteries are no longer listed on the Oakland County No Haz website as a household hazard. George noted that he had received the same information from a staff member at the Batteries and Bulbs store located on Baldwin Road in Auburn Hills.

- 6. Committee comments:
 - a. Jessie Richmond commented that she is aware of a company that is looking for paid volunteers (over the age of 16) to work with the vendor that unload and process/handle the materials at the No Haz 2019 events (\$199 for up to 6 events). Jessie will share the info with the committee.
 - b. George Hanley may have other people interested in membership to OTERC.
 - c. The committee welcomes our new member, Paige Porter!

- 7. Adjournment: Mike Flood moved to adjourn at 8:15pm, seconded by Matt Menghini; motion carried.

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary, Corinna Womack

Next meeting: Thursday, April 4, 2019
7:00 pm
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