

# Charter Township of Orion

## Oakland County, Michigan

### Environmental Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, Sept 12, 2019

Orion Center – Arts & Crafts Room

7:00 PM

**\*NOTE:** September 5, 2019 ERC scheduled meeting date postponed to September 12, 2019 due to scheduling conflict with Special Board of Trustees Public Informational Meeting - New Township Hall & Sheriff Sub-Station, held at township hall on same date and time.

**Call to order:** by Chair George Hanley – 7:06PM

**Roll Call:**

**Present:** Mike Flood, Jessie Richmond, Paige Porter, George Hanley, Matt Menghini

**Absent** (with notice): Michael DeLuca, Harold Flood, Rodney Tocco, Corinna Womack

**Determination of a quorum (4)** – Yes (5 of 7 voting members)

**Public comments** – None present

**Regular order of business:**

**Approval of minutes June 6, 2019 meeting:**

Mike Flood motioned to approve the June 6, 2019 meeting minutes as presented. Jessie Richmond seconded motion. Unanimous approval of the minutes as presented.

**Approval of agenda for September 2019 regular meeting:**

Mike Flood requested moving Pending Business i, NO HAZ July 20<sup>th</sup> updates and adding NO HAZ September 7<sup>th</sup> collection event update to e, Reports. Mike Flood motioned to approve the agenda, as amended, Jessie Richmond seconded motion. Unanimous approval of amended agenda

**Pending business:**

**Green Up Awards Discussion:**

**Woodside presentation:**

Woodside Bible Church was presented 2019 second quarter Green Up award at Township Board meeting. Woodside stated they would continue to do regular community cleanup events as part of their community organization beliefs.

**Kay Automotive Data:**

Company asked to delay consideration until a later date pending an organization audit being completed, date TBD.

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### **Pending Business (continued):**

#### **Phragmite Sites Update:**

George Hanley continues to seek new businesses regarding phragmites located on their respective properties. The Lake Orion Schools and ITC Power Lines company have approved treatments this year in several locations. Pomeroy Living center and Pee Wee Patch (on Lapeer) have received estimates for treatment and are considering moving forward. Bald Mountain Recreation Area and Indian Lake Village have approved receiving no cost/no obligation cost estimates and are considering treatment. Powers Distributing did not respond to multiple requests to receive a cost estimate. Additionally, George Hanley located a fire hydrant on Scripps Rd (about ¼ mile West on Scripps Rd from Lapeer Rd) embedded in the infestation and has contacted the township to initiate treatment. He also noted that Rochester Hills is embarking on a Phragmites Treatment program this year, joining Lake Orion and Oakland Townships.

#### **New business:**

#### **Update Board Actions-August 5, 2019, "First Reading - Designated Waste Hauler Ordinance" (Ordinance 73 Amended):**

There will be scheduled special township informational meeting(s) to go over the new hauler program and transition. Date(s) and time(s) TBD.

#### **"Award Bid - Orion Township Recycling, Yard Waste and Solid Waste Collections, Transportation and Disposal Services":**

Board of Trustees accepted the low bid with waste hauler GFL (Green For Life) for curbside residential pick-up. The five-current residential apartment complexes are exempt of the ordinance regulations due to the fact they use commercial covered trash dumpsters. Two haulers (Waste Management and GFL) put in bids of the five trash hauler companies that had attended the RFP (request for proposals) informational meeting held in May 2019. All residents will get refunds from current haulers once transition occurs. Jess Richmond requested more information as to how refunds will occur - do people need to initiate or will refunds automatically occur? Designated Hauler Update information is posted on the township website.

#### **"Award Bid - Recycling Incentive Program":**

Three bids were received from issued June 5, 2019 RFP - RecycleBank, Rewards4Recycling and RecyclingPerks. The Board of Trustees accepted the bid of RecycleBank.

#### **"Accept Recycling Partnership Grant":**

Township received a Recycling Partnership Grant in the amount of \$204,656 to help reduce costs for curbside recycling carts. Additionally, Recycling Partnership Inc..., "will provide the Township with access to resources, partnership staff time, and other services, with an estimated value of \$125,000."

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### **Reports:**

#### **NO HAZ July 20, 2019 and September 7, 2019 Event Collection Data:**

Mike Flood presented July 20<sup>th</sup> event data held at the Oakland County Service Center Campus (Oakland County Court House). 611 cars took advantage of the program. Orion Township and Village of Lake Orion residents accounted for 109 vehicles, representing 18% of total vehicles.

September 7, 2019 NO HAZ collection event was held at OCC (Oakland Community College) Highland Lake Campus (Waterford). A total of 527 cars participated. Orion Township and Village of Lake Orion residents accounted for 66 vehicles equaling 13% of total vehicles.

A total of 5 collection events are scheduled to take place this year. Next collection event will occur on Oct 12<sup>th</sup> at the Oakland County Service Center Campus (Oakland County Court House). This will be the final NO HAZ collection event taking place this year.

#### **Committee comments:**

Committee is still seeking a student member to join the group. Question raised - can the time spent with the committee be used as student community service hours? Paige Porter suggested contacting the local high school seeking participants and clarification regarding student community service hours.

Jess Richmond suggested people attend LO Palooza. Support the bands, lots of kid and adult events.

Mike Flood provided printed hard copies of "Updated ERC Committee Member List" that township supervisor's Administrative Assistant Julianne Savard, had previously emailed to all ERC members on September 11, 2019. The updated membership list includes the Board of Trustees recent appointment (September 3, 2019 BOT meeting) of new alternate member Michele Arquette-Palermo.

#### **Adjournment:**

Jessie Richmond motioned to adjourn. Matt Menghini seconded. All voted unanimously in favor. Meeting adjourned at 8:15PM.

Minutes respectfully submitted by,  
Matt Menghini  
(Filling-in for Secretary Corinna Womack)

**Next scheduled meeting date October 3, 2019, 7:00PM, Orion Center Arts & Crafts Room**