

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, Oct 3, 2019

Orion Center

7:00 PM

1. Call to order by the Chair, George Hanley – 7:07pm
2. Roll call - George Hanley, Mike Deluca, Michele Arquette-Palermo and Corinna Womack. Mike Flood, Rodney Tocco, Jess Richmond, and Matt Menghini were absent with notice.
3. Determination of a quorum - yes
4. Public comments – Pamela Beilke introduces herself and indicated she was interested in joining the Committee. A general discussion of Committee projects and focus ensued.
5. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes from September 2019 meeting – Mike Deluca made a motion to approve and Michele seconded. Approval of minutes was unanimous.
 - b. Approval of agenda for October 2019 regular meeting – Mike Deluca made a motion to approve the agenda. Corinna seconded and the motion was approved unanimously.
 - c. Pending business
 - i. Single Hauler Status (Mike Flood) – George provided a brief synopsis of the township meeting held at the Township Hall on October 1. GFL and Waste Management were the only companies that submitted bids and GFL was the selected bidder. Representatives from GFL were present at the meeting as was a representative of Recycle Products, the company that will handle recycling. A 94 gallon container for trash and a 64 gallon container for recycling will be provided to residents based on grants received by the Township. Changes will result in charges to the customer. Pickups will be Tues, Wed, Thurs, and Friday with Saturday included after a holiday. A total of 14 new trucks will handle the work load. Yard waste will be included on a seasonal basis and can be put out in paper bags or a container acquired for the purpose. George reported that some members of the community complained that their input was not solicited as part of the decision making process and some features, such as container size might have been different. The cost is about \$208 for the year, with a \$30 credit for snow birds residents will be billed directly, separate from Township Taxes. A GFL representative will be stationed at the Township hall to assist with any issues during the transition. Overall, George reported that the community seemed satisfied with the decision and look forward to the single hauler pickup and reduced pressure on roads

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Green Up Awards Suggestions – George mentioned Kay Automotive might continue to be a potential candidate, but had requested consideration be postponed until later in the year. Michele mentioned Slo Row LO as a potential Candidate, reflecting their annual cleanup of Lake Sixteen which is littered with dog toys, tennis balls, fishing gear, etc. This occurs during River Day which is the 2nd Saturday in June as well as the Clinton Cleanup which is in September. Slow Row LO consists of about 20 volunteers. Every 5 years they also clean up Lake Orion during the deep draw. River Day and Clinton River Cleanup are events where they raise awareness of the watershed. She also mentioned Clinton River Watershed Council and Clinton Valley Trout Unlimited (focuses on Paint Creek). Mike Deluca mentioned that Lucky's specializes in selling organic products from growth to packaging. After much discussion, Michele made a motion to nominate Clinton Valley Trout Unlimited for their work on cleaning up the Lake Orion portion of Paint Creek for the 3rd quarter award. Mike seconded the motion. It passed unanimously.

- ii. Phragmite 2019 Treatment Status (George Hanley) – George provided on the potential sites for treatment this season and noted that he had solicited interest in participating this year with the LO school administration, the ITC Power Lines, Pee Wee Patch school, Pomeroy Senior Living Center, Indian Lake Village the Bald Mountain Parks, and Premier Storage. Each approved a no obligation cost estimate and indicated interest in receiving treatment. He has also been contacting several other potential participants. Overall, there could be 15 or more potential sites that might participate this season. PLM Lake management continues to be Township contractor that provides the treatment under a township wide permit. They have proven to be cost efficient and very treatment effective.
 - iii. No Haz Final Collection Reminder – George stated that the final No Haz collection is on October 12 at the Pontiac location. They are looking for individuals who could volunteer in support. Michele mentioned there was a Scrap Tire Clean Up Grant available that might potentially address a situation where residents show up with tires which are not currently included. George suggested that Mike Flood might be able to investigate the potential for tire and Styrofoam acceptance as is the case in some other areas for 2020 or in the case of tires, with a Scrap Tire Clean Up Grant in 2021.
- d. New business
- i. 2020 School Design Contest for Reusable Bags – Mike will initiate contact with the High School's art teachers as well as other schools soliciting interest in participating. The goal is to have the winning design presented at Green Up on April 2020. Mike will write a press release for the Orion Review regarding this contest. George will contact the Library regarding setting up an art work display like 2019.
 - ii. Discussion focused on the Feed-A-Bee initiative and Pamela indicated her interest in this topic.
- e. Reports:

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- i. NO HAZ Collection Event Scheduled October 12, 2019 – If interested to volunteer, please contact George.
6. Committee comments – George provided background on our organization to Pamela who is about becoming part of OTERC. Mike attended a FACE meeting at Oakland University which focuses on environmental topics and was widely attended by OU students.
7. Adjournment – Mike motioned to adjourn and Corinna seconded. Meeting adjourned at 8:18pm.

Next meeting is scheduled for November 7, 2019.