

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Agenda

Regular Meeting, Thursday, June 4, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM

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1. Call to order by the Chair – 7:04 pm
2. Roll call - Corinna Womack, George Hanley, Michele Arquette-Palermo, Jessie Richmond, Pamela Beilke, Debbie Leveski, Harold Flood, Mike Flood, Paige Feliks

Absent: Mike Deluca
3. Determination of a quorum - yes
4. Public comments - None
5. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes from May 2020 meeting –Jessie motioned to approve; Pamela seconded; Board approved, motion carried.
 - b. Approval of agenda for June 2020 regular meeting –Jessie motion to approve; Harold motion to second; all in favor; motion carried. Michele mentioned that there is a Board voting member vacancy. Debbie’s name is not listed on the website as being a Board member. Mike Flood will check with Julianne Savard regarding the status of Board members.
 - c. Pending business
 - i. Update 2020 NO HAZ – Per Mike Flood: No Haz is not officially cancelled. Orion Township has been in touch with Oakland County and the rumors are not true. No Haz is still scheduled for July 18th at Kensington Church. Volunteers are needed. June 6th is free disposal day at Eagle Valley, check the township website for further details; Examples include no yardwaste, no tires, no household hazardous waste, no electronics, Free to Orion Township residents. Bring canned goods/food to donate for Food Drive. 7am to 1pm. The next event will be in September 2020.
 - ii. Green Up Report- George mentioned that there was a pickup day where volunteers can pick up projects and bags for the 22 projects listed. There were

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8 projects completed with a total of 32 participants. There was no specified timeframe for the Green Up Event this year, as volunteers could choose and do a project on their own schedule. Michele commented that there was a lack of advertising and that we could solicit the remaining projects. OTERC discussed getting a group together to do a high visibility project to close out the year. George will get the list from Aaron Whatley and Corinna can send out to the group for the group to determine a time and project to complete.

- d. New business:
 - i. Environmental Resources Document update – Debbie Leveski commented that Mike Deluca was putting a plan together to split up the document to research. George will look to see what documentation he has from last year to send out to the group to use as a baseline for 2020. Debbie Leveski, Mike Deluca, and Paige will assist with updating that. A pdf of the info will be posted on the website as well as a hardcopy which is typically provided at the library and other township offices. The goal is to get the document updated by end of June.
 - ii. Feed-the-Bee project: Pamela mentioned that she was working with Michele to look at locations along Polly Ann Trail for the hives, however, the new Farmer's market will be located in the area. Michele mentioned concerns about vandalism of the hives. Pamela is looking at locations for the pollinator gardens not hives as there is a difference. Michele commented that the Polly Ann trail would work. Michele will contact Linda and Donni Steele with Polly Ann trail for permission to place the pollinator gardens. Pamela mentioned that Fall may be the best time to spread the seeds and that the programs providing seeds **DO NOT** require that we have bee hives at the planting location. Proximity to an existing bee apiary is a benefit, not a requirement.
 - iii. Reusable Bag display contest – library is still closed. When the library is reopened, OTERC will look into displaying the submitted designs for the reusable bag contest. Corinna will discuss with Michael Deluca to post a consolidated PowerPoint slide presentation of all the submitted designs. Jessie said she would provide the consolidated slide presentation from the Google drop site.
 - iv. Phragmites locations: George mentioned he is looking at new sites for phragmites treatments. Michele will look into a potential site as well and provide to George. George mentioned a potential site near G's Pizzeria. (Phragmites australis is the latin name of this plant, the European Reed)
6. Committee comments - Mike Flood provided clarification regarding light bulb recycling at No Haz: He commented that standard light bulbs can be disposed of in the trash. The curly/mercury light bulbs can be recycled at Home Depot. Fluorescent light bulbs can be brought to No Haz. Jessie mentioned that Powers Distributing had accepted a large amount of bottle recycling and commented that they may be a potential candidate for the OTERC quarterly award. Debbie mentioned an organization called Turning Trash Into Comfort that takes plastic bags and crochets them into useful projects.
7. Adjournment - Motion to adjourn Harold Flood, seconded by Jessie; meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.