

Environmental Resources Committee Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, September 3, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM

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1. Call to order by the Chair - 7:07pm
2. Roll call- George Hanley, Jessie Richmond, Pamela Beilke, Debbie Leveski, Paige Feliks
Absent: Corinna Womack, Harold Flood, Mike Flood, Mike Deluca
3. Determination of a quorum – yes
4. Public comments – NA
5. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes from August 2020 meeting -Debbie motioned to amend the minutes to change a reference in 5.e.ii to change Deluca to Flood and in 5.e.iii to add that Debbie also mentioned that her membership was listed in the BOT meeting minutes. Pamela seconded; motion carried.
 - b. Approval of agenda for September 2020 regular meeting –Pamela motion to approve; Paige motion to second; all in favor; motion carried.
 - c. Pending business
 - i. Environmental Resources Document update- The document is not readily available on the Township website.
 - ii. Membership Status update – The Township website has been updated to correctly reflect the current membership
 - iii. Recycle Presentation Feedback – Only a small number of residents have signed up on the website for the Recycling Rewards program. George will contact Alyssa Turner and request they conduct an information session for the local Senior Advisory Council.
 - iv. Phragmite status report – George noted that the Township had 19 sites raising their hands, with 11 requests for no obligation/free cost estimates to date, generally from home owners, HOA'S and township properties. He has contacted 12 larger or commercial properties, generating 8 estimate requests. The followup contact process continues, with treatment to start shortly. He is trying to get Camp Agawam done after a year lapse because of visible regrowth. Indian Lake Village has requested an estimate on a trial site to monitor how quickly and successfully native plants will return. Home Depot has a rep from Corp Mgt

coming into town to assess the situation, with a test site having been suggested to them as well. It was commented that a township letter should possibly be sent out each year in June to each prior participant noting that a multi-year evaluation needs to be conducted due to the fact that latent seeds from years prior to beginning of treatment have a life of up to a decade. Treatments are markedly smaller each successive year. The committee discussed if it would be prudent to request a 3 to 4 year commitment for treatment, but this is not currently written into the ordinance. The ordinance was initially set up to allow participation on a voluntary basis, unlike some locations in northern Michigan where it is mandatory. Mike Flood has noted previously that the process has been changed to require PUD projects to treat in order to receive a permit.

- v. Quarterly Green Up Award and next candidate – Need to clarify if the last two winners have received their award since BOT meetings are virtual. George will reach out to Kay Automotive to see if they are still a state CCC recipient and to ask about their current environmental practices.

- d. New business – none
6. Committee comments - none
 7. Adjournment – Jessie motioned to adjourn at 7:36 pm, Pamela seconded, motion carried.