

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, Dec 3, 2020

Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM

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

Absent with notice: Michael Deluca, Harold Flood, Paige Feliks, and Michele Arquette-Palermo
3. Determination of a quorum - yes
4. Public comments - NA
5. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes from September 2020 meeting – Jessie made motion to approve; Pamela seconded; motion carried. September minutes approved
 - b. Approval of agenda for December 2020 regular meeting – Mike Flood recommended to add Meeting Dates for 2021 under New Business ; Jessie made motion to approve as amended; Pamela (?) seconded; Motion carried.
 - c. Pending business
 - i. Phragmite status report – George provided an update and stated that 31 sites signed up for free/no obligation cost estimates, with 23 signing up for treatment. He noted that maintenance treatment is needed due to the fact that seed heads in the ground from prior to starting treatment are viable for up to 10 years and weather conditions can energize them again. A number of sites were retreated starting again this year because of regrowth, including Camp Agawam, Lake Orion Schools (2 sites), Premier Storage and ITC Powerlines (near the school bus depot). George plans to suggest a pre-season mailer to owners of previously treated sites indicating the need for maintenance treatments. He also suggested that individuals can provide information on sites that need treating. Mike Flood added there are a couple other sites that would need to be added (area behind Wally Edgar dealership) as well as to HOA documents, since there are a couple new subdivisions developing. Past sites need to be contacted and added back to the list.

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- ii. Quarterly Green Up Award and next candidate (Green Hippo Gifts?): OTERC reviewed the write-up that Michele had provided for Green Hippo Gifts as the recipient for the 1st quarter 2021 award. Corinna mentioned that Mike Deluca had recommended Holy Spokes for next the 2nd quarter 2021 award.. Corinna to reach out to Mike Deluca and Michele to see if they can talk to them and provide a write-up for that 2nd next quarter award. Discussion was made regarding having the recipients recognized at the next Board meeting. Unfortunately due to COVID, the Board has not been meeting as usual. OTERC proposed and made a motion that once the Board reconvenes, they would provide recognition for Trout Unlimited 4th Quarter 2020), Green Hippo Gifts (1st quarter 2021), and Holy Spokes (2nd quarter 2021) at a soon to be determined schedule.
 - iii. Feed A Bee status – status on hold for the winter. Debbie is leading this effort and will reach out to Aaron Whatley to see what the path forward is for this.
 - iv. Greenup Bag design and timeline with schools – Mike Deluca will continue to lead this effort. Mike will have to check back to see if library and schools will be able to continue this contest virtually.
- d. Reports:
- i. 2020 No Haz Collection Event Reports (Mike Flood) – no numbers now, over 200 for 1st one; still want to hold a collection in Orion and possibly at Kensington church based on when things open back up. 1200-1500 people participated last time.
- e. New business:
- i. Potential new members – Currently, OTERC has no student members. Mike Deluca’s term is up this year and so is Michele through end of 2020. Currently the committee consists of: Jessie Richmond, Corinna Womack, Pamela Beilke, Debbie Leveski, Mike Flood, George Hanley, Paige Feliks, Harold Flood (Alternate) Mike Deluca (non voting member), Michele Arquette-Palermo (Alternate) Corinna to reach out to Mike D. and Michele to see if still interested. Corinna to reach out to LOHS to see about getting student participation as this counts towards service hours for students.
 - ii. Recycle Bank – George mentioned that the number of homes in the area for trash pickup and recycling is about 12,300 and participation in the weekly collection pickup is about 8,000. Participation in the recycling program provides people with an opportunity to participate in a credit reward program, obtaining points for pickup participation as well as on line reward credits for participating in various educational opportunities. Data indicates that only 14% to 15% of households are participating in this program. The number redeeming credits is only about 20 to 30 per month which may reflect a lack of knowledge or lack of interest in items that can be obtained for credits. Mike F. will follow up with the Board on this information. Recycle.com is the site to visit to register to participate or via a phone call. Communication to the community could also be an issue, perhaps suggesting the need for an out reach at the start of the new year. Debbie suggested making the rewards donatable to FISH or the schools or other

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worthy causes. That is already possible. There could be a need to relaunch to get the word out and also to examine the available products that can be obtained for credits to pique interest. Mike mentioned that Rochester Hills has a much higher participation, perhaps warranting a review..

- iii. Meeting dates for 2021 – Proposed Feb, March, May, June, Aug., Oct and Dec. Motion for same scheduled months as last year on the 1st Thurs of the month. Motion was made by Pamela, and seconded by Debbie. Board in favor and motion carried.

- 6. Committee comments - NA
- 7. Adjournment – Motion by Jessie to adjourn meeting, All in favor, meeting adjourned at 7:59 pm.
- 8. Next OTERC meeting: Feb 4, 2021 at 7pm