

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Regular Meeting, Thursday, Feb 4, 2021

Virtual Zoom Meeting

7:00 PM

<https://cranbrook.zoom.us/j/2824218567>

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1. Call to order by the Chair - 7:09pm
2. Roll call -

	Present <i>(location)</i>	Absent
Voting Members		
Jessie Richmond	X (Orion)	
Pamela Beilke		x
Debbie Leveski		x
Paige Porter		x
Corinna Womack	X (Pontiac)	
George Hanley	X (Orion)	
Mike Flood (Board Rep)	X (Orion)	
Non-Voting Members		
Michael DeLuca		x
<i>Student Vacancy</i>	NA	NA
Alternates		
Harold Flood		x
Michele Arquette-Palermo	x	

-Pamela emailed her resignation on 2/4/21 from OTERC due to her moving out of state. The Committee decided to move Michele Arquette-Palermo to Pamela's vacancy. Mike Flood will follow up on this. Jessie indicated that she is aware of another interested member. Mike Flood will notify Julianne Savard to be on the lookout for an application from Taylor Daugherty Turbiak. Election of Officers: Jessie Richmond made the motion to keep the officers the same as last year's officers. All voted in favor.

3. Determination of a quorum - yes
4. Public comments - NA
5. Regular order of business

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- a. Approval of minutes from December 2020 meeting – Jessie made a motion to approve the minutes. Mike Flood seconded the motion. Motion was carried.
- b. Approval of agenda for February 2021 regular meeting – George recommended deleting the Phragmite status report from the agenda due to lack of information to report. Jessie made a motion to approve the amended minutes, Mike Flood seconded and the motion carried.
- c. Pending business
 - i. Quarterly Green up Award and next candidate (Green Hippo Gifts?)
 - ii. Feed A Bee status – George commented that the current member handling this project is leaving the committee so a new lead will have to be identified.
 - iii. Greenup Bag design contest – No new updates since Michael DeLuca was absent and is leading this effort. Mike Flood commented that the Greenup Bag design contest was being advertised in the Orion Review with a cutoff date of March 15th. This activity is being sponsored by Waste Management by their donation of the reusable bags. George indicated he would contact Michael DeLuca to request the latest status of the activity.
- d. Reports:
 - i. No Haz: Mike Flood reported that he is in the process of coordinating with the county to schedule the 4 No Haz events for 2021. The following are the potential dates and locations for the upcoming No Haz events:
 - 1. April 24, 2021 at Oxford Middle School in Oxford
 - 2. June (TBD) at Sashabaw Elementary in Clarkston
 - 3. July 24, 2021 at Kensington Church in Lake Orion
 - 4. Sept 25, 2021 at County Service Center in Pontiac
 - ii. Single Hauler-Recycling update: Mike Flood stated that January 2021 was the 1 year anniversary for the Single Hauler. This activity has recently been moved under the purview of the Dept of Public Services (DPS) of the Township. Mike stated that there are over 12,000 residents participating in the Single Hauler program and that if the community increased the amount of recycling collected and reduced the amount of trash, the Township could negotiate a lower rate for the services. George recommended increasing the communication regarding participation in the Recycle Bank process where participants (at no charge) can sign up online or by phone to earn recycling credits for collections based on neighborhood recycle truck weight plus additional credits earned via several online learning activities, with points being retained until the participant elects to redeem them for various items offered by the Bank. These opportunities are under review to be expanded. Mike stated that by the 2nd quarter, there should be a more defined credit exchange program clearly identifying the rewards. Mike also stated that DPS is working on increasing the communication with the community on the benefits of participating in the Recycle Bank program. Jessie recommended the use of social media to increase community awareness of Recycle Bank. Mike said he would share the committee's feedback with the Township.
- e. New business:

6. Committee comments:

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- a. Mike stated that all Township meetings conducted in February are to be conducted virtually due to the pandemic. It is still undetermined if the March meeting will be conducted in person or virtual. Due to the lack of availability of the Orion Center in May, the May OTERC meeting will be held at Friendship Park. Mike Flood to check with the Township attorney regarding the rules of conducting meetings.
 - b. Michele commented that she is planning on scheduling a meeting with Wind Secure which is a wind farm located at the corner of Joslyn and Clarkston Rds. The long time Lake Orion resident (graduate of Lake Orion High School) builds wind generators. Based on the outcome of her meeting with the owner of Wind Secure, she may nominate them for the quarterly Green Up award. Michele also discussed the current awards and she said Jenny Bhatti still has the awards in her possession. There was committee discussion on how those awards can be presented to the awardees. Mike suggested doing the award presentation in person. Corinna also suggested possibly mailing the awards to the recipients and then having them attend the next virtual Board meeting and the Board could address the recipients virtually. George noted that the reward program needs more publicity in order to generate more public awareness.
7. Adjournment - Jessie made a motion to adjourn, Michele seconded, motion carried. Meeting adjourned at 7:49pm.
 8. Next OTERC meeting: March 4, 2021