

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Agenda
 Annual Election of Officers Meeting, per OTERC Bylaws section 8, C.
 Thursday, May 5, 2022 at 7pm
 Orion Center

1. Call to order by the Chair - 7:05pm

2. Roll call

	Present	Absent
Voting Members		
George Hanley	x	
Mike Flood (Board Rep)	x	
Tom Fisher		x
Corinna Womack	x	
Denise Burns	x	
Samantha Bell	X (remotely in Lake Orion)	
Pat Belanger	x	
Non-Voting Members		
Michael DeLuca		x
<i>Student Vacancy</i>	NA	NA
Alternates		
Harold Flood		x

3. Determination of a quorum - yes

4. Public comments - NA

5. Regular order of business

- a. Approval of minutes from March 2022 meeting – Mike Flood makes motion and Denise seconds. All in favor. Motion Carried.
- b. Approval of agenda for May 2022 regular meeting – Mike Flood moves to approve agenda as amended. Pat seconds. All in favor, motion carries.
- c. Pending business
 - i. Quarterly Green Up Award – Tom Fisher has the updates, but was unable to attend the May meeting. George met with ONTV (POC: Joe Johnson) and ONTV is running new series (Orion Today) every 2 weeks and accepts topics for interviews with the principals. This is an opportunity for the quarterly award to be made public. The wind company award needs to be awarded still.
 - ii. Environmental Resources Document updates – Denise volunteered to review and contact the companies to verify the list. The goal is to have it updated before the next No Haz (June 23rd at Kensington Church) and Denise plans to have the

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list done by June 8th. George offered to assist, as needed. Goal is to hand out the updated Environmental Resource list to Orion resident No Haz attendees and to distribute to other local distributors such as township hall, library, churches and businesses as done historically.

- iii. OTERC Article – Tom Fisher had volunteered (at March meeting) to draft an article on what OTERC does. Will follow up with Tom for status to be presented at the next meeting. George proposed to have this part of the ONTV interview schedule.
- iv. Charging Stations – Denise commented that the charging stations need to be properly identified/labeled/designated and places appropriately. Mike Flood said that it is a work in progress and the township is working on completing that. Currently, use of these electric charge stations are free of charge at the Township offices. Denise suggests OTERC works with the dealerships on the Community Charging Program (10 stations each) and to help influence with the planning of the charging stations in the local Orion area. As of now, the dealerships still do not have a plan. Denise intends to continue to monitor this. Denise has already discussed with Supervisor Chris Barnett. Charging stations are already identified to be included at all the public parks. Corinna proposes that Denise and George work together to document some ideas and plans to possibly gather feedback from the community for continued discussion at the next meeting.
- v. OTERC Website updates – Denise and Tom had a list of website updates. Corinna to follow up with Tom to see if the information was sent over to Julianne Savard. Discussion to include a possible major update to the OTERC township site.
- vi. (*Amended*) Green Up Update – George talked to Aaron Whatley and was told that there were 27 projects identified with 19 completed and 8-9 left to complete including the messy Brown Rd/Joslyn intersection unfortunately due to the high traffic in that area. They are looking for volunteers to help complete these areas. The area near the Collision shop at Brown/Joslyn is supposed to be updated with new landscaping and Welcome to Orion signs.
- vii. (*Amended*) Membership status (Students, others) – Corinna had reached out to the Lake Orion High School to see about student volunteers from the Green Up Club (Stephen Tighe). Samantha suggested we also look at younger members from the middle school too. (Corinna to reach out to Sarah Hunter to see if she's interested or knows anyone.)

d. New Business:

- i. Pollinator (including Monarch Butterflies and Feed A Bee) projects – Pat Belanger volunteered to lead this effort and is reviewing the Monarch pledge. Pat is also reviewing information for a proposed 2 acre site in front of the new Municipal complex. Tasks include site plan, plant decisions and potential contributing partners, etc. Mike Flood made motion that Pat works with Aaron Whatley (Director of Parks and Rec). Pat seconded and the motion carried unanimously. George mentioned that Orion is one of the few communities in MI doing these Pollinator projects. Pat provided some literature on other organizations' and resources that he could utilize. Mike Flood suggested that Pat coordinate with Kathy Klein at Waste Management for possible interest in participating as in the past, perhaps creating a site at Eagle Valley. Samantha

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Bell provided some great resources via email as well as a proposal for a grant which would need to be completed by July 7th.

- e. Reports
 - i. Phragmite status – George provided some info and HOAs and suggest to them that we have volunteers to possibly communicate with them.
 - ii. (*Amended*) No Haz – Mike Flood provided info on the WM Free Disposal day which is June 11th, but does not include Hazardous materials. Go to WM.com for more details.

- 6. Committee comments – Mike Flood mentioned that Recycle bank credits now include Lake Orion Community Schools for use for various projects. George noted that sign up and use of the credit bank credits based on monthly update reports indicate a low level of participation and a fall of following the post card mailing in May 2021. Changes to the website and items for redemption continue to be made but additional publicity and perhaps credit bank participant input might be considered to enhance interest.

- 7. Adjournment – 8:37pm all in favor. Meeting adjourned.

Next OTERC scheduled meeting: June 2, 2022