

# Charter Township of Orion

## Oakland County, Michigan

### Environmental Resources Committee Meeting Minutes

Thursday, Dec 7, 2023 at 7pm

Orion Center – Multi Purpose Room

#### Attendees

Linda Crane

George Hanley – on phone

Mike Flood

Tom Fisher

Denise Burns

Pat Belanger

#### 1. Regular order of business

- a. Approved minutes from May 2023 meeting minutes
- b. Approved agenda for Dec 2023 regular meeting.

#### 2. Pending business

- i. Reusable Bag – WM provided newly designed bags to the Township. Contact: Aaron @Park & Rec & Kathy Klein to distribute bags to Township Hall, Churches, schools, and Library.
- ii. Quarterly Green Up Award - Denise will follow-up and define our Green Up plan parameters. Tie-in Green Up with our Annual Cleanup Day. Denise will work with Joyce Donaldson (Chamber Commerce) and ONTV
- iii. OTERC 2023 Website updated links completed. Add 2024 phragmite control dates, 2024 earth day cleanup schedule, 2024 NoHaze dates. Waste Management free disposal dates.
- iv. Contact Jenny Bhatti to add all Environment News to Editions of Orion Living Magazine. George to renew Phragmite Articles in Spring Edition. Composting information Guide in the Fall Edition.
- v. Pollinator (includes Monarch Butterflies) projects update. There is a “planned burn” schedule w/Parks&Rec. An arborist evaluated the site and determined no further course of action was needed. Where do we want new walking path(s) for northside of Township Hall?
  1. A rare new flower was discovered at Camp Agawam.
  2. Grants from America Bloom for burns at Township Hall and Camp Agawam.

A “Naturalist” has been hired through Parks & Rec; Tom will invite “Conner” to our February meeting.

- vi. New Student Member – no student appointed yet
- vii. Board of Trustees Action July 17, 2023, RE: North Oakland County Resource Recycling Authority (creation of NOCRRA with local municipalities - Residential Solid Waste & Recycling collection) GFL contract comes up for renewal 12/2024. The township is evaluating becoming a member of the newly created NOCRRA. See attached Township 7/17/23 agenda item summary.

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- viii. 2024 OTERC meeting dates to meet on “Even” months; first Thursday @7PM starting Feb 2; April 4; June 6; Aug 1; Oct 3; Dec 5

### 3. Adjournment

*Next meeting – February 2, 2024*