

Charter Township of Orion

Oakland County, Michigan

Environmental Resources Committee Meeting Minutes
 Annual Election of Officers Meeting, per OTERC Bylaws section 8, C.
 Thursday, May 6, 2021
 Virtual Zoom Meeting
 7:00 PM
<https://cranbrook.zoom.us/j/2824218567>
 Meeting ID: 282 421 8567
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1. Call to order by the Chair – 7:02pm
2. Roll call

	Present <i>(location)</i>	Absent
Voting Members		
George Hanley (Lake Orion)	x	
Mike Flood (Board Rep) (Lake Orion)	x	
Michele Arquette-Palermo (Lake Orion)	x	
Paige Porter		x
Corinna Womack (Lake Orion)	x	
Non-Voting Members		
Michael DeLuca	x	
Denise Burns (Lake Orion)	x	
<i>Student Vacancy</i>	NA	NA
Alternates		
Harold Flood (Ohio)	x	

3. Determination of a quorum - yes
4. Public comments- NA
5. Regular order of business
 - a. Approval of minutes from February 2021 meeting- Mike Flood made the motion to approve the minutes, Mike DeLuca seconded the motion, all in favor, motion carried.

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- b. Approval of agenda for May 2021 regular meeting – Mike Flood provided 2 additional updates to the meeting agenda to include adding No Haz updates and COVID-19 Guidelines Updates under Reports. XX made a motion and XX seconded. Board approved unanimously the updated agenda.
- c. Pending business
 - i. Quarterly Green Up Award (Green Hippo Gifts?) and next candidate: Michele identified a potential candidate that develops wind turbines and she will follow up with him to see if she can gather more information. Mike DeLuca has been trying to contact Holy Spokes but to date has not had a response. George Hanley discussed Kay Automotive and has also reached out to his POC at Kay Automotive, but has not had a response. Michele asked how Trout Unlimited would be presented with their award from last quarter and she will reach out to them (Jason from Trout Unlimited) to see if they would want to attend the next Board meeting to receive it in person or virtually. Mike Flood commented that the next Board meetings are May 24th and June 7th. Michele also brought up that Green Hippo Gifts has not received their award either for the FY20 4th Quarter award and Mike Flood said he would get in touch with Julianne Savard to follow up and see about coordinating that award presentation with the Board as well. Michele said that she would work on creating and coordinating a press release for the Lake Orion Review.
 - ii. Feed A Bee status/ alternate project lead – No update as Pamela was the one leading this effort, but has since resigned from the committee. OTERC will need another Project Lead to work with the Parks and Rec Staff in order to proceed.
 - iii. Greenup Bag award status – Mike DeLuca provided a status update noting, that he had presented the winning artist (Joss Castaneda) with the prestigious OTERC Green Up certificate as well as a \$50 cash award. Mike Flood will follow up with reimbursing Mike DeLuca for that cash award.
- d. New Business:
 - i. Membership status – Since the last OTERC meeting in Feb 2021, there have been 2 resignations: Jess Richmond and Debbie Leveski. Corinna Womack said that she would ask Debbie Leveski to see if she would like to participate as a non-voting member and support the Resource List updates. George Hanley noted that Jess had a coworker that was interested, however, Corinna Womack understood that she recalled that Jess's coworker was no longer interested. Mike Flood said that there were 2 applications submitted with the Township and speculated that one of them may be Denise Burns. Welcome to OTERC, Denise!!
- e. Reports
 - i. Credit bank status – Michele forwarded email information regarding the credit bank that was requested by George from Jeff Stout's staff. He noted that was essentially the same membership rate as evident in the data received in Committee meetings with Recycle Bank last year last year. George commented that we need more impactful communication encouraging people to sign up for this and provide guidance on how to do it- -by phone or on line- - for increased participation. Maybe a simple note in the monthly GFL bill. He also noted that many assume the mandatory recycle participation automatically results in sign up and many are even totally unaware the credit program exists with credit points earned for share of neighborhood truck pickup as well as extra potential additional credits for participating in online educational opportunities. Michele

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commented that paper publication wouldn't work and that this should be via social media for maximum viewing to increase participation. George noted that many senior residents are not involved in social media. He also commented that the small number of rewards claimed may be a function of what is available and research should be done with residents to gather input on possible items, businesses, and locations that could be included to upgrade the list which is a work in progress. Mike Flood added that we should spread the word via social media and that Recycle Bank should partner with the chamber of commerce to get them involved. Rochester Hills has been participating for several years. Also, the points can be donated to the schools. Mike Flood added that we spread the word via social media and that they partner with the chamber of commerce to get them involved. Rochester Hills has been participating for several years and that the points can be donated to the schools. Many businesses and people are struggling due to the pandemic and that this might not be a priority for many people right now.

- ii. Phragmite status- George commented that phragmite work has lost some momentum in the past few years, with past participants forgetting that annual maintenance may be needed because seed heads from past years are viable for up to a decade. He has been looking at various sites around town to check on some areas that were previously treated and in the past two years had contacted prior participants who rejoined to continue the elimination treatment process. More than a dozen have signed up for treatments. Many locations are re-growing and he's proposing to look at and contact past participants to encourage them to obtain the free/no obligation treatment cost estimate and to continue to rebuild momentum. There is an ordinance in many of the condos, etc. that states that they must treat the Phragmites (not sure what this is?) Corinna Womack mentioned that Polly Ann Trail has sections of phragmites but much of it may be located in Oxford. Corinna also mentioned that she would provide George Hanley's name and expertise to her Homeowners Association because of their interest in treatments.
- iii. No Haz: Mike Flood provided that report that Oxford conducted a No Haz about 2 weeks ago and had over 1350 vehicles show up for disposing of their items which was the largest turnout ever. Upcoming collection dates include: June 26th at the Oakland County courthouse and then July 24th at Kensington Church and they are looking for volunteers to assist.
- iv. Annual Green Up: Mike Flood stated that there was a record turnout during the 1 week period for clean up. A SPECIAL THANK YOU to all that volunteered and took the time to help Lake Orion GREEN! Waste Management is offering a Free Disposal day on June 12th from 7am-1pm for non-hazardous waste. Waste Management is also accepting canned goods for donations to local food banks.
- v. COVID-19 Guidelines: Mike Flood provided key points of the MDHSS guidelines which went into effect May 6, 2021 until May 31, 2021. *(For more specific details, please reference the MDHSS guidelines directly)*. Outdoor gatherings, masks are not required unless more than 100 people. Meetings adhering to open meetings act are exempt from that limit, masks still required. New guidance for

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sports: if fully vaccinated, athletes do not need to undergo the weekly testing. Masks are no longer required for non contact sports. Township extended the State of emergency thru end of the year which allows for meeting virtually (not in person) and up to individual committees to determine if meeting in person or virtually.

6. Committee comments - NA
7. Adjournment Michele made a motion to adjourn and Mike Flood seconded. All voted in favor and the meeting was adjourned at 7:55pm.

Next OTERC scheduled meeting: June 3, 2021 at 7pm (*virtual*)