

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-January 16, 2019 – 7:00 PM
MINUTES

The meeting was call to order at 7:00 pm in the Denton Room by Chairman Brownlee

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman Brownlee, Commissioner Ross, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Merritt,
Board Representative White

Staff: Director Best, McGuire

Absent Excused: Commission Emekpe, Director Akers

Absent: Commissioner Debuck

Audience: 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Commissioner Merritt, seconded Commissioner Ross as modified. Motion Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING:

Corrections for the December 19, 2018 minutes; The following sentences should read as

1. Commissioner Brownlee inquired if the commission could obtain a larger map identifying contours of the lake.
2. She explained that in accordance with their Air Permit which is about tracking output and dust from the facility and they utilize street sweepers to cleanup track from their facility.

Motion Commissioner Ross, seconded Commissioner Merritt as modified. Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

a. Flares -

Commission Ross stated that there where flares where lit to remove the methane gas emanating from the landfills several months ago. Commissioner Ross noticed that the flares have not been lit for several months and is curious if the landfills have a new system that is disposing of the methane gas from the landfill. Director Best stated that he would investigate this issue.

b. PFAS -

Chairman Brownlee stated that he had attended a meeting concerning PFAS. There were questions concerning the safety of ingest home-grown concerning how plants and people. Based on current information there is not study done on the affect on people The recommendation was not to chance it. As far as people wanting to swim in the area lakes is fine as the water isn't ingested.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

Open Discussion

a. Lake Drawdown Plan- Eagle Creek Update

Director Best notified the commission that we are still waiting for approval to do the Lake Drawdown from Eagle. Director Best stated that there will be a Lake Workshop February 28th 2019 at 7 pm (tentative date and time). This workshop will focus on what property owners can and cannot be done along their shore line. There will also be a Q&A session in which residents can ask for clarification on the information discussed. Director Best further stated that he would try not to discuss that drawdown. Also, during this meeting there will be a sign-up sheet for people to sign to be a volunteer with the lake drawdown should happen. Per Director Best stated the Township is also creating a way for people to volunteer via a link on the Van Buren website and how employees will field questions

b. Cadillac Asphalt – Outfall

Noted at the last meeting that there is a large discharge drain from Cadillac Asphalt and when there is a heavy rain it floods the ditch on North Service Dr and drains into Willow Drain. Director Best investigate the issue of and explained to the commission that the pipe appears to be there a while as the pipe under a pine tree that has been there for several years. Director Best further stated based on its location the water being discharge is clean water and Cadillac Asphalt may have cleaned out the discharge pipe allowing the water to flow faster.

NEW BUSINESS:

CORRESPONDENCE:

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Commissioner Merritt, seconded by Commissioner Ross, to adjourn at 8:05 pm. Motion Carried

Respectfully submitted,

Laura McGuire, Recording Secretary