

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION AGENDA**

Wednesday, September 20, 2023 – 6:00 PM
Van Buren Township Hall Denton Room
46425 Tyler Road, Van Buren Township, MI 48111

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Chairman DeBuck	_____		
Commissioner Ross	_____	Board Representative Boyton	_____
Commissioner Gibson	_____	Director Lockett	_____
Commissioner Merritt	_____	Director Akers	_____
Commissioner Yob	_____	Recording Secretary Zantop	_____

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. June 21, 2023 Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

NEW BUSINESS

1. Various Environmental Related Issues Update

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday, June 21, 2023
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at **6:07 p.m.** in the Denton Room by **Chairman DeBuck.**

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chairman DeBuck, Commissioner Ross, Commissioner Gibson, Commissioner Merritt, Commissioner Yob,

Absent/Excused: Commissioner Creal, Trustee Boynton

Staff: Director Akers, Secretary Williams

Audience: One (1)

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Commissioner **Ross**, Second Commissioner **Merritt**, to approve the agenda of June 21, 2023, as presented.

(5) AYES – DeBuck, Ross, Gibson, Merritt, Yob,

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Commissioner **Ross**, Second Commissioner **Gibson**, to approve the minutes of May 17, 2023, as presented.

(5) AYES – DeBuck, Ross, Gibson, Merritt, Yob,

(0) NAYS

Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS:

None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

None

NEW BUSINESS:

Director Akers gave follow ups on communications from last meeting:

- Shoreline structures and what EGLE was doing to handle it: Jeremy Richardson used to do a lot of permitting on Belleville Lake. Moved away from gabion baskets and try to encourage more natural shoreline protections like rip rap and stone.
- Do not eat fish signs, per Huron River Water Shed they are reviewing for Eat Safe Fish and when they are ready they will be sent out and installed.
- Racer Trust informational meeting was held May 17th and were told to reach out to all effected properties. GM reached back out and details are being worked out for their concerns. The ordinance could be on the July 18th Township Board meeting.
- State of Michigan had a grant program for Dam removal/repair projects. There are a couple dams on the Huron River system that are upstream from where we are that received approval, including the Paper Dam, 2 steams adjacent to the airport which have already been dewatered; Washtenaw County Water resources commission Tyler road dam and Thayer dam.
- Denton road bridge the Engineers are doing work on it and continuing to move along. Preliminary designs, soil borings, survey and collecting information. Should have more information moving forward and will update when we do.
- Waste Management contract was approved at the June 20th board meeting. Starting July 1st the new trash services will begin. Recycling cart drop off will begin on late summer/early fall once the carts come in. Yard waste will go to the second week of December instead of the end of November, 1 bulk item per week that you can schedule with Jennifer. If you purchase a second cart, recycling or trash, through waste management after July 1st you will get a monthly fee of \$6 to service the additional cart.
- Belleville road construction worried residents on Robson road. The maintenance traffic plan is still being discussed and will have a clear plan once it gets closer to that time.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

Gibson inquired about the BYC dock approvals. Director Akers stated they received a Special exception from 40ft to 85ft from the BZA, PC site plan review and the Board yesterday evening. There are certain criteria that was needed for this approval and is not precedent setting. BYC will also have to get EGLE and FERC approvals.

Gibson stated the August meeting should be postponed. Discussion of July and August meeting unless something critical comes up.

Gibson motioned, Merritt seconded to cancel July and August meeting. Motion Carried

ADJOURNMENT: Motion to Adjourn **Ross**, Second **Gibson**, Meeting adjourned at **6:59 p.m.**

Respectfully submitted,

Brittney Williams
Recording Secretary