

**Charter Township of Van Buren
Environmental Commission
June 19, 2013**

Chair Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Present: Wilson, Jahr, Ahamiojie and Gibson. Absent: DeBuck and Merritt.

Staff present: Director Mullen and Secretary Kurtz

Audience: 6

Approval of Agenda: Wilson moved; seconded Gibson to approve the agenda with changes **CARRIED**

Approval of Minutes: Gibson moved; seconded by Wilson to approve April, 2013 minutes. **CARRIED**

Correspondence: Director Mullen reported that the Bayshore North FERC application has been submitted to the three review agencies as required prior to gaining STS approval. With STS approval, application will be submitted to FERC. The three review agencies have 30 days to respond.

Announcements: Hazardous Recycling dates were proposed and Commission recommend the October 19th date. Thanked Bob McKenna, Trustee Jahr, and Chair Brownlee for working on Lake Ordinance.

Old Business / Updates:

Item #1: EQ Landfill Periodic Commission Update

Mike Tackess from EQ gave presentation on the leak test detection system readings and summarized the contamination findings. Visual aids showed the areas being treated out of the nine cells tested. He explained two potential sources of the leak including liner penetration or water flowing down along the liner from above the monitor point. Reports were submitted to MDEQ. He noted several steps taken to confirm the work will resolve the issue, and they will report back to the committee when the work is done.

General Discussion:

Director Mullen gave a brief report/proposal on the monitoring of the milfoil received from Enviro-Science. Chair Brownlee recapped discussion and decision made at the February 2013 Environmental meeting. The financial investment is a significant cost and would be the Township Board decision. Recommendation to have lake residents monitor this year. Discussed MDEQ regulation for removing lily pads.

Audience Comments:

A resident commented about the available balances to conduct milfoil treatment with township funds. Director Mullen explained the limited funds available.

Motion by Wilson, seconded by Ahamiojia to adjourn the meeting at 8:45 p.m. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Brenda Kurtz – Recording Secretary