

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-January 20, 2016
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in the Denton room by Chairperson Brownlee.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brownlee, Ahamiojie, Debuck, Gibson, Merritt, Wilson

Absent Excused: Akers, Jahr

Staff: Best, Halstead

Audience: 9

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion to approve the agenda as presented Merritt, Seconded by Gibson.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the Minutes from December 16, 2015 Wilson, Seconded by Merritt.

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/UPDATES:

Recycling Road Map: Brownlee suggested we start calling the Recycling Road Map the "Van Buren Township Recycling Guide" to make it more specific. Brownlee briefly went through the information that was on the spreadsheet he sent out, plus the items that the commissioners added, to better clarify the information.

NEW BUSINESS: None

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

- 1) Coal Tar Effort:** This is now an approved numbered ordinance. The City of Belleville is in progress to adopt a similar ordinance. Audience reported that at the Sumpter Twp. Planning Commission meeting they made a motion to invite Commissioner Wilson to come and present the Coal Tar Ordinance. Wilson suggested petitioning the Twp. to amend the reporting limit of PAH's from 1.0% to 0.1%. Best said he would ask the elected officials if they would entertain a change to the ordinance. Best mentioned that he and Rebecca Esselman were working on a public workshop for commercial applicators. Time frame would probably be sometime after March.

- 2) Shoreline Ordinance:** There will be a series of public meetings held at the township on the proposed Shoreline Ordinance. Best asked that instead of the regularly scheduled meeting on February 17, 2016, the Commission would host the public informational meeting. He suggested we could also set up another date to take the place of the regularly scheduled

meeting. Informational meetings will be on February 22 & 23. They will be open house-style meetings so residents can meet with Staff to get their one-on-one questions answered. The final meeting scheduled is the Public Hearing on February 24 at the Planning Commission.

- 3) Iron Belle Trail:** Best reported that the Parks and Recreation Department has sent in their grant application to the Michigan Department of Natural Resources to begin their exploratory work into our section of the Iron Belle. If selected, the beginning steps will be to set up exactly where the trail for the Iron Belle will be in Van Buren Twp.

COMMENTS: Best introduced everyone to Randall and Eric Robinson. Randall is from the New Tech Program out of Belleville High School. Randall gave a report of the different projects they have been working on at New Tech.

Motion Debuck, seconded by Wilson to adjourn at 8:16 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary