

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-May 18, 2016
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:01 pm in the Denton Room by Chairperson Brownlee.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brownlee, Debuck, Gibson, Wilson, Jahr

Absent Excused: Akers, Merritt

Staff: Best, Halstead

Audience: 2

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

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

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve the Minutes from March 16, 2016 Wilson, Seconded by Debuck.

Motion Carried

Motion to approve the Minutes from April 20, 2016 Debuck, Seconded by Gibson.

Motion Carried

COMMUNICATIONS:

Chairperson Brownlee asked about the vacancy on the Commission and if there had been any interest in the position. Best stated that currently the application process is open and the Supervisor's Office is taking applications. There has been one application received thus far.

Chairperson Brownlee stated he was contacted by Laurie Day from Representative Pagan's Office to speak at an Environmental Forum being held at Belleville High School on Thursday, May 19, 2016. He was asked to speak about how Van Buren Twp. went about instituting the >1% PAH Sealant Ban.

The Supervisor of Spring Lake Twp. contacted Chairperson Brownlee to get some information about the Township's >1% PAH Ban.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Recycling Road Map:

Brownlee stated all the information that the Committee gathered has been compiled and they are now looking into ways to get that out to the residents. Chairperson Brownlee will be collaborating with Jennifer Price in the Parks and Rec. Department to formulate a plan for the Recycling information.

2. Coal Tar Discussion:

Anne LeHurray, from PCTC, sent over her presentation with the slides and some additional information that was requested from the commission at her last visit. The Commission discussed the presentation and reaffirmed their action to ban the use of >1% PAH sealants.

3. Belleville Lake Water Quality Discussion:

Best mentioned he will continue looking into the phosphorus reduction plan. He also went over the status of different erosion sites that were brought up in a previous meeting.

Best stated if there is an algae bloom this year, it will receive the same type of response as previous years. The first step would be notification to surrounding municipalities and their elected officials. Secondly, staff would identify/verify that it is an algae bloom so residents can be assured it's not an oil spill or another type of contamination. Finally, staff will document weather, site conditions and patterns.

4. Lead Containing Paint:

There are a number of homes built before 1956 that could be sources of lead paint. Van Buren Twp. is not aware of any lead contamination problems in the Township at this time.

COMMENTS:

Brownlee asked if Deputy Director Best could look into getting a map of the Township to put up in the Denton Room. Something they could use for reference points in their meetings.

Best gave an overview of the Wolverine Pipeline and the work they have been doing in Van Buren Township.

Motion Jahr, seconded by Wilson to adjourn at 8:14 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary