

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-December 16th,2015
MINUTES

Chairperson Brownlee called the meeting to order at 6:59 pm in the Denton room.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent Excused: Debuck, Akers

Staff: Best, Halstead

Audience: 5

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion to approve Minutes from Oct 21st, 2015 Gibson, Second Merritt. Minutes approved as submitted. Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Wilson, Second Ahamiojie to support the agenda as presented

Motion Carried

CORRESPONDENCE: None

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/UPDATES:

Coal Tar Sealant update: Deputy Director Best let everyone know that the Township Board approved the Coal Tar Sealant ordinance. The ordinance is adopted by publication in the newspaper of record.

Recycling Road Map: Chairman Brownlee asked members to filter the Wayne County Recycling Guide to determine what they feel is relevant and important to put in a Van Buren centric recycling guide. He also mentioned he would divide out assignments to members to work on and then put them on the agenda to discuss.

2016 Meeting Schedule: The Township Board adopted the 2016 Environmental Commission Meeting Schedule. Accepted as presented.

NEW BUSINESS

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

1. **Shoreline Ordinance:** The section prohibiting major and minor repair of watercraft along shoreline are to be removed from the draft ordinance. Next steps for the shoreline ordinance will include public meetings where shoreline property owners will get their specific questions answered regarding their property, docks, boathouses, etc. These meetings will be scheduled sometime in January/February.
2. **Iron Belle Trail:** This is a recreational trail that stretches from Detroit to Ironwood. The Parks and Recreation Department has been approached by representatives of the

governor's office to be a part of this project. Parks and Recreation have asked Building and Planning and DPW to partner with them in this prospect as this would bring safe recreation for the residents of Van Buren Township.

Motion Ahamiojie, second Wilson to adjourn at 7:57 p.m.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary