

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION  
December 18, 2013  
Minutes**

Chair Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m after Board had its Holiday potlatch.

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Brownlee, Debuck, Ahamiojie, Wilson, Merritt, Jahr and Gibson

**Absent:** None

**Staff:** Director Mullen and Secretary Kurtz

**Audience:** Three

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Motion Merritt, Supported Debuck to approve the agenda as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Wilson, Seconded Debuck to approve minutes from September 18, 2013 as presented.

**Motion Carried**

**Correspondence:** Director Mullen stated the number of vehicles doubled from last year for the Household Hazardous Waste Day. A new item accepted this year was fire extinguishers.

**Announcements:** None

**OLD BUSINESS / UPDATES:** None

**NEW BUSINESS**

**2014 Election of Officers Chair and Vice Chair**

**Motion Gibson, Supported Wilson to nominate Brownlee for Chair.**

**Motion Carried**

**Motion Gibson, Supported Jahr to nominate Debuck for Vice-Chair**

**Motion Carried**

**Presentation of Belleville Lake Milfoil and Lake Condition Survey**

Chair Brownlee stated some Environmental members completed a lake tour in late September finding minimal changes in the milfoil locations from the previous year. The participants did not believe there to be any spreading of the milfoil down lake.

## **General Discussion**

### **Presentation by Dave Wilson Regarding Tyler Dam Removal Planning Presentation**

Wilson began the Powerpoint presentation with photographs of erosion, milfoil, and condition of shoreline and structures from the September 2013 Commissioner's Belleville Lake Tour. Tour included parts of City of Belleville, Ypsilanti Township, and Van Buren Township.

Wilson continued the presentation with detailed soil boring information from the Tyler Dam pond. The study was conducted by Stantec. It showed significantly high levels of Polycyclic Aromatic Hydrocarbon contamination of the pond sediments. Members stated concern with the contamination levels that sometimes far above safe contact standards. These levels have formed since the pond was last remediated in late 1990s. Wilson also reported that Ypsilanti Township disbanded its Ypsilanti Township Water Conservation Advisory Board with immediate effect on December 16, 2013.

Chair Brownlee reported Enviro Science is no longer in the Milfoil weevil business and asked that research be completed on finding other businesses that use this approach to control Eurasian Milfoil.

**Audience Comments:** Reporter Madigan asked about the EQ landfill repairs to its liner.

**Motion Jahr, Seconded Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 8:05 p.m. CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,  
DRAFT

Recording Secretary,  
Brenda Kurtz