

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-March 15, 2017
MINUTES - DRAFT

The meeting was called to order at 7:03 pm in the Denton Room by Chairperson Brownlee.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brownlee, Jahr, Gibson, Merritt, Emekpe, White

Absent Excused: Debuck

Staff: Akers, Best, Halstead

Audience: 3

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Gibson, Seconded by White to approve the March 15, 2017 agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Jahr, Seconded by Gibson to approve the February 15, 2017 Minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The tour to US Ecology was cancelled due to weather and power outages in the Twp. The tour will be rescheduled for a later date.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. **Coal Tar Ordinance Changes/Conference Call with HRWC:** The Coal Tar Ordinance was presented to the Board of Trustees and passed the first reading. The second reading will be at the March 21, 2017 board meeting.
2. **Shoreline Zoning Ordinance Update:** The Shoreline Zoning Ordinance has passed the Township Board. The effective date for the general ordinance will be March 23, 2017. The Zoning Ordinance effective date will be determined based on the publication date.
3. **Proposed Ordinance Updates:** Lt. Bazy presented to the Commissioners the proposed ordinance updates. The Commissioners discussed scenarios and Lt. Bazy answered with how the definitions of the ordinance would address them. Also, commissioners asked questions and gave comment on the ordinances.

Motion to recommend for approval Article VI of Chapter 42- Diseased or dangerous trees, plants and shrubs Jahr, Seconded by Merritt. Motion Carried

Motion to recommend for approval Ordinance 14-36- Animal Waste Gibson, Seconded by Jahr. Motion Carried

Motion to recommend for approval Ordinance 74-27 to 74-29- Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, walks and ramps White, Seconded by Gibson. Motion Carried

Motion to recommend for approval Ordinance 66-30- Receptacles Merritt, Seconded by White. Motion Carried

Roll Call

YAYS: Brownlee, Gibson, Merritt, Emekpe, White

NAYS: Jahr

- 4. Fifth Amendment to the Host Community Agreement:** The Commissioners were given the Host Community Agreement and other documents to look over and review. Director Ron Akers and Deputy Director Matt Best took questions and comments from the commissioners pertaining to any environmental concerns they might have. Discussed the end use of the landfill.

NEW BUSINESS: None

COMMENTS: Best mentioned the commissioners will be receiving in the mail a notice from US Ecology regarding the TENORM waste they take in. This does not affect their permit since they are already taking in TENORM waste.

Question was asked if a tour of the EQ transfer facility in Romulus could be set up. Deputy Director Best will look into setting up a tour for commissioners.

Motion White, seconded by Merritt to adjourn at 9:11 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary