

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISMSION AGENDA**

**Wednesday, August 15, 2018 – 7:00 PM
Denton Room**

CALL TO ORDER

ROLL CALL

ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION

Chairman Brownlee	_____	Commissioner Merritt	_____
Commissioner Ross	_____	Commissioner Emekpe	_____
Commissioner Debuck	_____	Board Representative White	_____
Commissioner Gibson	_____	Director Akers	_____
Director Best	_____	Recording Secretary McGuire	_____

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

1. June 20, 2018 Minutes

COMMUNICATIONS

1. Waste Management Landfill Fire Update

UNFINISHED BUSINESS

Open Discussion

- a. Lake Drawdown Update
- b. Coal Tar Brochure – Mailed out to 7,700 residential properties the week of August 6th, 2018

NEW BUSINESS

Open Discussion

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENT

ADJOURNMENT

***** If you are unable to attend, please contact Developmental Services at 699-8913 before noon on August 15, 2018*****

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-June 20, 2018
MINUTES

The meeting was call to order at 7:00 pm in the Denton Room by Chairman Brownlee

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brownlee, Ross, Debuck, Emekpe, White

Absent Excused: Merritt, Best

Staff: Ackers, McGuire

Audience 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA

Motion Emekpe Ross, Seconded by Debuck to approve the February 22, 2018 agenda as modified. Motion Carried

ACCEPTANCE OF THE MINUTES OF THE PREVIOUS MEETING

Motion White, Seconded

Communications:

1. Chairman Brownlee wanted to know the status of the coal tar pamphlet stating that there was an urgency to have it completed and printed so that the pamphlet could be sent with the utility bills. As of this date that has not been done and the season is almost over. Director Akers stated that he would investigate the issue.

FINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Lake Drawdown Update - Director Akers explained that there had to be some preliminary steps to be done before the project can be presented to the board. Mr. Brownlee reminded the commission that even though the recommendation to the board has not been completed the members of the commission should investigate issues that would affect the community. Also, to investigate what issues other communities have had.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. Chairman Brownlee presented the commission with information concerning toxic algae blooms. Chairman Brownlee stated that he is participating in the study explaining that equipment had been placed at end of dock to monitor for toxic blooms. Chairman Brownlee further stated he had testing equipment if anyone was interested.
2. Storm water Pipe on N-194 Service Drive –Discussed the various uses that are located adjacent to the drain by Van Buren Park. Including Cadillac Asphalt and YUCA wastewater Treatment Plan. Director Akers indicated he would send out the website which test water at Van Buren Park Beach

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: None

ADJOURNMENT

Motion Merritt, seconded by White to adjourn at 7:45 pm. MOTION CARRIED

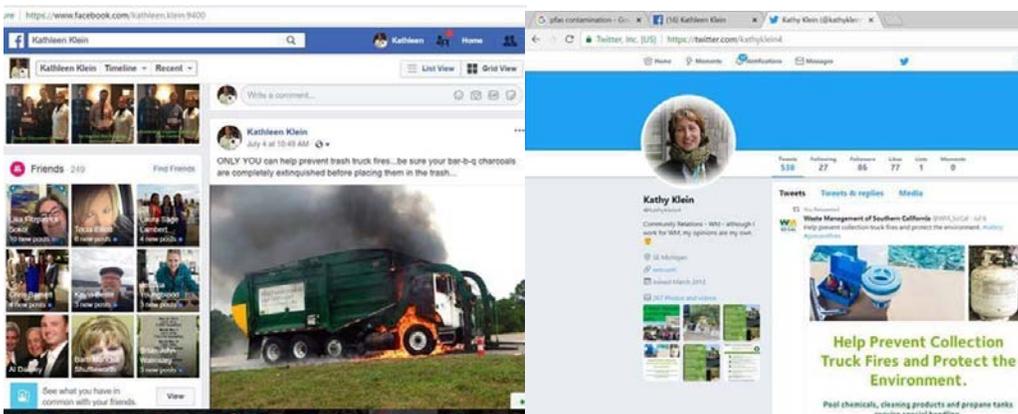
Respectfully submitted,

Laura McGuire, Recording Secretary

Best, Matthew

From: Klein, Kathleen <KKlein2@wm.com>
Sent: Tuesday, July 31, 2018 4:27 PM
Subject: NOTICE TO OUR NEIGHBORS: Waste Management - Woodland Meadows RDF - Recent Fire

As you may be aware, a fire occurred at the active face of Woodland Meadows Landfill late in the evening of Wednesday, July 25th. The fire was extinguished quickly, just past midnight on early Thursday a.m., July 26th. There were no injuries or damage to equipment or other landfill systems. No specific cause has been identified at this time, however, in the summer months, smoldering bar-b-q coals are often the culprit. WM encourages care when disposing of home bar-b-q coals and potential flammatory items as pictured below and posts these cautions through social media. Please feel free to reach back if you have additional questions or concerns.



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CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN DEPARTMENT OF DEVELOPMENTAL SERVICES

DATE: August 3, 2018
TO: Environmental Commission
FROM: Matthew Best, Director of Public Services
CC: Ron Akers, Director of Planning and Economic Development
RE: Lake Drawdown

Since the last Environmental Commission meeting, the Department of Public Services has continued working on the next steps of the process. There are four steps to this process before presenting this issue to the Board for approval. Those steps are...

1. Meeting with Eagle Valley, the Dam Operator, to determine the necessary permits and coordination required for the drawdown.

This is currently underway. The Township requested that Eagle Creek begin the process necessary to perform a lake drawdown at French Landing Dam in the Fall of 2019. This was part of the Lake Drawdown agreement signed with Eagle Creek in 2017. Eagle Creek's Engineers and Dam Safety Staff are reviewing this request. Staff requested a progress report on that review from Eagle Creek on August 3rd, 2018.

2. Coordinating with the Huron River Dam Network

Staff meet with the Huron Valley Dam Network on April 26th, 2018. At that meeting the Network expressed positive interest in the Drawdown. Staff will report Eagle Valley's review of the request and the next steps at their next meeting.

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3. Developing a public outreach/participation program to set up volunteers and to disseminate information about the drawdown to Lake Residents and business.

Township Staff will begin this step if/when the Board of Trustees approve the Lake Drawdown.

4. Determine feasibility of the Lake Drawdown.

When Eagle Creek provides its findings, The Township Engineer will perform a review of the lake drawdown proposed by Eagle Creek.

Staff continues moving forward in this process and will keep the Environmental Commission updated as this effort moves forward.