

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
May 21, 2014**

Chair Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Chair Brownlee, Debuck, Ahamiojie, Merritt, and Gibson

Absent Excused: Jahr and Wilson

Staff: Secretary Kurtz

Audience: 0

ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA: Motion Gibson, Support Merritt as presented.

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Merritt, Support Debuck as presented from February 19, 2014

Motion Carried

Communications: Mr. Debuck stated the garbage truck has difficulty turning around at the narrow end of Edgedale Road and asked to pass this on to Jennifer Price. Mentioned resident concerns on the odors in the area of Van Born and Hannan Roads and the condition of the Quirk Drain. Brownlee gave a briefing on the drain, locating an old map of the Wayne County drains in the Township and hanging a map of the Township in the Denton Room.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/UPDATES

NEW BUSINESS: None

GENERAL DISCUSSION:

Discussion on Recycling and Increasing Participation;

Brownlee stated he read an article that reported Michigan ranked last nationally in recycling and overall 35% of garbage is recycled nationally. He recapped items that are recyclable and types of containers to use for home recycling.

A tour of the Recycling Center in New Boston will be scheduled in July for the commissioners. Discussed the tipping fees and the Environmental itemized budget.

Motion Debuck, Seconded Merritt on to adjourn the meeting at 8:15 p.m. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,
Secretary,
Brenda Kurtz