

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN**  
**Environmental Commission**  
**Wednesday-March 16, 2016**  
**MINUTES**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

Present: Brownlee, Gibson, Merritt, Wilson

Absent Excused: Akers, Jahr, Ahamiojie, Debuck

Staff: Best, Halstead

Audience: 2

**APPROVAL OF AGENDA:**

Motion Wilson, Seconded by Gibson to approve the agenda as presented.

Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:**

Motion Gibson, Seconded by Wilson to approve the Minutes from January 20, 2016.

Motion Carried

**CORRESPONDENCE:** None

**NEW BUSINESS:** None

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS:**

- 1) **Lakeshore Ordinance Update:** At the last planning commission meeting, it was recommended that the Lakeshore Ordinance be revised. Best mentioned they were putting together small groups that are going to help come up with ideas and ways to improve the ordinance.

Wilson had some pictures that show the condition of various properties on the lake.

- 2) **Coal Tar Sealant Contractor Workshop:** A letter regarding the upcoming workshop on, Thursday March 31, 2016 was sent to contractors who work in the area applying sealant. The Township wanted to provide a way to inform them of the 1% PAH or greater sealant ban that has been adopted and to provide information about alternatives that could be used. Rebecca Esselman of Huron River Watershed Council will be at the workshop to talk about 1% PAH or greater sealant products in general and the issues that go along with it.

Since sending out the letters, an e-mail was received from the Pavement Coating Technology Council.

- 3) **Recycling Road Map:** Brownlee said there were outstanding items that commissioners were working on that have not been submitted. He requested that they e-mail him information that they gathered before the next Environmental Meeting. He asked that

they make the information as detailed as possible, trying to include addresses, phone numbers, special instructions and any costs that might be associated with the specific recyclables.

**COMMENTS:**

Best mentioned the Township did hear back from the State of Michigan regarding the Iron Belle Trail application for the grant request. The State of Michigan decided not to fund the grant request at this time. The Township is looking into additional funding sources from SEMCOG for the Iron Belle Trail.

**Motion Wilson, seconded by Merritt to adjourn at 8:31 pm.**

**MOTION CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary