

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-October 18, 2017
DRAFT MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 7:02 pm in the Denton Room by Chairperson Brownlee.

ROLL CALL:

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

Absent Excused: Emekpe

Staff:, Best, Halstead

Audience: 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion Merritt, Seconded by Jahr to approve the October 18, 2017 agenda with the addition of item D. Election of Officers. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Merritt, Seconded by Gibson to approve the July 19, 2017 Minutes with a correction on item D. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: The process to find registered sealcoat contractors with the Township was brought up. Best will make sure staff know where to locate the registration book. He also mentioned he would be meeting with Rebecca Esselman and he will ask about the Coal Tar Pamphlets.

The Universities that were doing the algae study on Belleville Lake have picked up their test equipment.

The REAL Program is done, and it made an impact on the residents that were affected. The program will continue in 2018.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- a. **Site Specific Variance Petition from US Ecology:** Strebor Inc. is asking for a variance to establish the different treatment standards for PCP, dioxin and furan concentrations that exceed the treatment standards for waste code 27. They are wanting to use a different treatment process that is not on their current permit. They need the variance to let them do the proper treatment process to make is safe to dispose of in the landfill.

- b. **Operating License Major Modification- US Ecology:** US Ecology Treatment Center, as part of their license renewal, are wanting to add new processes to their license to accommodate the new waste codes they will be taking in.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS:

- a. **Septic System Maintenance Workshop:** Van Buren Twp. held a septic system maintenance workshop put on by the Alliance of Rouge Communities on Sep. 14. It was well attended.
- b. **Tree Planting Workshop:** The Alliance of Downriver Watershed had gotten hundreds of trees for planting and 30 trees were given to Van Buren Twp.
A Tree Planting Workshop was set up with the citizen foresters of Detroit. There was VBT staff and resident volunteers that came out for the workshop.
The trees were planted along Tyler Rd. between Quirk and Beck Rd.
- c. **MS4 NPDES Stormwater Permit Progress Report:** Once every two years the Township is required to submit a progress report to the state. It covers the properties that the Township owns and the pipes that are within township facilities and drainage. The report is due Nov, 1st.
- d. **Election of Officers:** Brownlee was nominated for Chairman. Motion Gibson, Seconded by White to elect Brownlee for Chairman. Motion Carried.
Debuck was nominated for Vice-Chair. Motion Merritt, Seconded by White to elect Debuck for Vice-Chair. Motion Carried.

Motion Merritt, seconded by Debuck to adjourn at 8:21 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary