

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN  
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES  
April 15, 2015**

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

**ROLL CALL:**

**Present:** Brownlee, Debuck, Wilson, Ahamiojie and Merritt

**Absent Excused:** Gibson and Jahr

**Staff:** Director Knowles and Secretary Kurtz

**Audience:** 2

**ACCEPTANCE OF AGENDA:** Motion Wilson, Support Ahamiojie as presented. Motion Carried

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES:** Motion Wilson, Support Ahamiojie to approve the minutes from March with modifications.

**Motion Carried**

**Communications/Correspondence:** Director Knowles provided an update Tenorm. MDEQ will be giving a presentation at the Township Board meeting April 21<sup>st</sup>.

Brownlee informed a draft report on fracking is available. Defined Tenorm: As waste that Fracking creates; the sludge which is Tenorm.

**UNFINISHED BUSINESS/UPDATES**

Director Knowles recommended Mr. Wilson give a Coal Tar presentation at the June 7<sup>th</sup> Regular scheduled Township Board meeting. After the Township Board presentation; place the topic on the next scheduled Environmental meeting agenda.

Brownlee provided a Resource Guide/Map booklet from Wayne County. After review of the booklet Chair Brownlee asked each member to research disposal sites/ businesses in Van Buren Township and neighboring communities for several different items.

Director Knowles stated McKenna Consultants will be presenting the Belleville Lake Ordinance at the April 22<sup>nd</sup> Planning Commission meeting. Recommended to have presentation at the Environmental meeting also.

Director Knowles gave an overview on the Tyler Pond project. Recommended having MDEQ give a presentation at an Environmental meeting.

**NEW BUSINESS:**

Director Knowles spoke on Oil & Gas Drilling rights and the guidelines under the Zoning Enabling Act which would allow communities to have some control. This topic is under preliminary review at the MDEQ.

**GENERAL DISCUSSION: None**

**Motion Ahamiojie, Seconded Merritt Gibson to adjourn the meeting at 7:50 p.m. CARRIED**

Respectfully submitted,  
DRAFT

Secretary,  
Brenda Kurtz