

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMISSION MINUTES
March 18, 2015**

Chair Brownlee called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brownlee, Wilson, Gibson, Jahr and Merritt

Absent Excused: Debuck and Ahamiojie

Staff: Director Knowles and Secretary Kurtz

Audience: 5

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

Motion Carried

APPROVAL OF MINUTES: Motion Wilson, Support Gibson as presented December 17, 2014

Motion Carried

Communications/Correspondence: Director Knowles gave the WC sponsored Household Hazardous Waste Collection dates that will be posted on the Township web. Secretary Kurtz informed the group that the WC Adopt-a-Road Program will begin in April, and the commission received the WC CLEAN Program; 2015 Applications. Gibson asked about the Truck-trailer staging area on the north side Willow Run property.

Chair Brownlee gave an overview on TENORM. A draft report is available at Mich.gov. Contact MDEQ to provide a presentation at the Township Board. TENORM (Technologically enhanced Naturally Occurring Materials), the sludge by product of fracking waste is not being shipped into Van Buren at this time. [We need to ensure that] training for PD/FD- Wayne County Hazardous Response Team is provided. Audience expressed concern on vapors and leakage into the water ways.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS/UPDATES

Chair Brownlee recapped on the repairs for Tyler Dam and the bridge. Discussion to maintain the bridge, in 2000 a clean bill of health was given. Currently (the most recent data from Stantec) indicate that there is no evidence of contaminants in the pond. Director Knowles informed the Commission that he had asked Stantec Company to meet with the Commission to provide an update and discuss taking samples in the future.

NEW BUSINESS:

A presentation on Coal Tar Sealer using visual aid was given by Mr. Wilson, who explained the types of driveway sealers; asphalt, coal tar, latex, and epoxy and how the chemicals in each product have an effect on the environment and water ways. Coal tar-based sealers contain roughly a thousand times as much carcinogenic polycyclic aromatic hydrocarbons as the

alternatives. Alternative products are available. Possible steps to prevent the use of Coal Tar-based driveway sealers were discussed.

Commissioners discussed the way to educate the public on this topic through a presentation at a Township Board meeting, cable, brochures and a review of a sample ordinance.

Ambassador Programs

Chair Brownlee spoke on the US Ecology, EQ tour and Re-Community tour and their operations. Would like to extend tours to representatives of organizations in our Community. This would give an educational experience and help support many environmental practices.

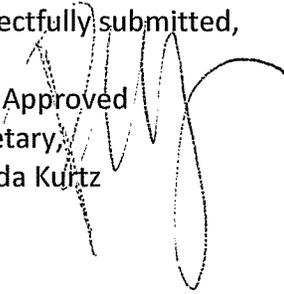
Recycle Road Map was explained by Chair Brownlee. He asked all the Commissioners to find locations and businesses within the Township and/or surrounding communities to take items/products for recycling. He asked the group to provide the list of places at the next meeting.

GENERAL DISCUSSION: None

Motion Wilson, Seconded Merritt to adjourn the meeting at 8:40 p.m. CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Final Approved
Secretary,
Brenda Kurtz

A handwritten signature in black ink, appearing to be 'Brenda Kurtz', written over the typed name. The signature is fluid and cursive, with a long horizontal stroke at the end.