

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-February 15, 2017
MINUTES

The meeting was called to order at 6:59 pm in the Denton Room by Chairperson Brownlee.

ROLL CALL:

Present: Brownlee, Jahr, Gibson, Merritt, White

Absent Excused: Debuck

Staff: Akers, Best, Halstead

Audience: 1

APPROVAL OF AGENDA:

Motion White, Seconded by Gibson to approve the February 15, 2017 agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion White, Seconded by Merritt to approve the January 18, 2017 Minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Akers found information on Ypsilanti Twp. website regarding the Tyler Dam construction project. There is a presentation on the website if the commissioners wanted to get more information.

Question was asked about who to address noise complaints to regarding the freeway. It was suggested they contact MDOT with any concerns.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS:

1. Coal Tar Ordinance Changes/Conference Call with HRWC:

The Coal Tar Ordinance, being a general ordinance and not a zoning ordinance, does not need to go before the planning commission. The next step will be to get the Coal Tar Ordinance on the Township board agenda.

Best had a conference call with the HRWC and representatives from Austin, Texas and Washington D.C. who have been involved in the coal tar regulation. They discussed a simple testing method (mineral Spirits and a glass vial) to determine if what was applied was coal tar based.

2. Shoreline Zoning Ordinance Amendment and General Ordinance:

The Township Planning Commission held a public hearing for the proposed Lakeshore Ordinance on January 25, 2017. It was well attended and well received by the residents. There were comments and questions at the public hearing that were answered by

Township Staff. The Planning Commission made a recommendation to the Township Board. It will be on the Township Board Work Study on February 21, 2017.

3. Landfill Gas Facility- WM Canton:

There are no new updates, but Deputy Director Best wanted to remind the Commissioners that if they are contacted by anyone who has questions regarding the Landfill they can refer them to him.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. HHW Day at EQ- Promotion Efforts:

The HHW Collection Day will be Saturday, October 14, 2017, from 9am-2pm at US Ecology. There is a flyer that has been made by the Parks and Recreation Dept. to advertise the HHW Collection Day, it is on the VBT Website, Social Media pages, and also has been put on the VBT cable channel.

Wayne County has set aside some funding for the Township to do a tire recycling day with a pick-up location in Van Buren Twp. A date has not been set.

2. Proposed Ordinance Updates:

There were four specific ordinance updates the Supervisor wanted the Environmental Commission to look at and discuss if they thought there were any environmental concerns.

- a. Deceased or dangerous trees, plants and shrubs
- b. Animal waste
- c. Removal of snow and ice from sidewalks, walks, and ramps
- d. Trash Receptacles

At the next meeting the Commissioners will bring back any concerns they want to address with these four ordinance updates.

3. Fifth Amendment to the Host Community Agreement:

This agreement has been presented to the Township and the Township is considering it. Brownlee asked commissioners to bring to the next meeting any questions and environmental concerns they have regarding the Host Community Agreement.

COMMENTS: None

Motion White, seconded by Merritt to adjourn at 9:22 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,



Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary