

CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF VAN BUREN
Environmental Commission
Wednesday-November 15, 2017
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 Gibson to approve the November 15, 2017 agenda. Motion Carried.

APPROVAL OF MINUTES:

Motion Gibson, Seconded by Jahr to approve the October 18, 2017 Minutes. Motion Carried.

COMMUNICATIONS: Jahr announced he will be moving over to the Planning Commission and will no longer be serving on the Environmental Commission.

Gibson received a letter for the EPA regarding deep injection wells in Romulus. They are requesting a modification to their permits and will be having a public hearing on the matter November 29, 2017 at 7:00pm in Romulus.

Gibson asked about piping work being done around Bridge Rd. Best did not have any information regarding the project.

Code Enforcement will be more active on the lake in 2018 making sure the structures on the lake are safe and taken care of. Addresses on docks is in the general ordinance, but code enforcement will be looking more heavily at enforcing this ordinance for life safety purposes.

UNFINISHED BUSINESS: None

NEW BUSINESS:

- 1. Belleville Lake Drawdown:** The township has negotiated the ability, if it so chooses, to request a lake draw down in 2019 for Belleville Lake. The main focus would be for maintenance to be done on docks and shoreline. It was brought to the Environmental

commission so they could look at the positive and negative impacts. They will have more discussion moving forward.

2. Open Discussion:

a. MS4 Stormwater Permit Progress Report: Every two years the Township is required to submit an MS4 report to the state. The Township is responsible for Stormwater systems that it owns on its own property.

The Township pays annually to be a part of The Alliance of Downriver Watersheds. It allows the Township to be a part of and support regional efforts.

b. WM Landfill Fifth Amendment Update: There haven't been any changes made to the landfill agreement at this time. If anything gets put on an agenda regarding the landfill Best will be sure to notify the Environmental Commission so they can be in attendance.

ANNOUNCEMENTS/COMMENTS: None

Motion Merritt, seconded by Debuck to adjourn at 8:43 pm.

MOTION CARRIED

Respectfully submitted,

Anna Halstead, Recording Secretary