



Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, January 6, 2016
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

I. Roll Call & Quorum

Present: Randy Bowling, Rita George, Erica Larson, Erin McDevitt-Frantz, Ray Nowak, and Christine Raymond, citizen members.

Mike McCormick (Applied Specialties), Lisa Spencer (Lubrizol) Scott Cameron (NRG), and Tom Sulzer (PolyOne), industry members.

Also in attendance: Mayor Zilka, Council Representative John Shondel, Councilwoman Jennifer Fenderbosch, and Public Works Director Joe Reitz.

Absent: Melinda Rutledge and Kip Sekulic, citizen members and Matt Mesaros (Ford) industry member.

II. Unfinished Business

a. Meeting Minutes

Excused Absence Review: Ms. Spencer made a motion to excuse the absences of Board members for the month of December 2015. The motion was seconded by Mrs. George. All Board members voted yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Nowak made a motion to approve the meeting minutes for the month December 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sulzer. All Board members voted yes. Motion passed.

b. New Logo

The new logo was reviewed by the Board at the December meeting. Chair Larson updated the logo after that meeting to incorporate revisions the Board requested. A copy of the revised logo was distributed for final review and approval.

Motion: Mr. McCormick made a motion to approve the new logo of the EAAB. The motion was seconded by Ms. McDevitt-Frantz. All Board members voted yes. Motion passed.

III. Reports from Committees/Groups

a. City Council and the Environmental Committee

Mr. Shondel reported on the events of 2015. The deer culling program is well underway. There were two major factors which contributed to the City moving forward with the program. For three consecutive years the Environmental Committee supported action to reduce the population unanimously and there were three occasions where deer crashed through a window of a home and a deer attack on a human.

During the month of December 2015, sharp shooters were out at three sites and took 21 deer. The following is the number of deer auto accidents: 2013 - 26, 2014 - 25, and 2015 - 24. The trend is heading in the right direction. Verification is required to determine if the City has a large herd. Therefore, the Public Works Department count the number of deer picked up. The following is the number of deer picked up: 2013 - 89, 2014 - 105, and 2015 - 87. It is anticipated that the City will have official approval of the 10 year plan by Geoff Westerfield from ODNR. After that has been received, it will be presented to Council.

b. City Administration

Public Works Director Reitz reported on the following:

- The use of road salt is down considerably from this time last year due to the mild weather.
- Sewer separation projects are scheduled to begin. The City will meet with residents in the affected area to review the process. Mr. Reitz stated that the PIPE subcommittee will be tasked to assist him with the outreach program.

Councilwoman Fenderbosch, Chair of the Sewer Committee addressed the Board on the upcoming sewer separation projects. She explained that the EPA mandated that all separation projects be completed by 2020. Homes built in 1972 and prior have either combined sewers or have completed the sewer separation process. At one time, there were 32 outfalls into Lake Erie. The City has reduced the outfalls to six. In the next two years, there will be three, and eventually zero outfalls after all the separation projects are completed.

In 2013, the City contacted residents who owned homes 1972 or older. They were provided with information to ascertain if their home needed to be separated. There are exclusions. If they were not excluded, they were required to complete work at their home to prepare for the separation. A list of contractors to do the work was provided. If residents do not complete the work at their home, the City will need to do it in order to meet the deadline. If the City goes beyond the deadline, daily fines will be imposed. Therefore, outreach is imperative for all residents still in need of separation and the City has requested PIPE to assist with this.

c. Industry Updates

Applied Specialties – Mr. McCormick reported that Applied Specialties had a successful 2015. During the winter months, Applied Specialties will focus on the southern facilities located in Louisiana, Arkansas, and Florida.

NRG – Mr. Cameron reported that construction has begun at the facility for the new pollution controls on the west end of the plant. The silo basins are in place for the new injection system. There will be an outage at the facility for another month and a half while work is conducted on the boiler.

d. Research/Investigate Groups

- PIPE – Mike Sweeney resigned from the Board and Erica Larson will be the new chair.
- Waste & Recycling – Mr. McCormick reported that this subcommittee met, reviewed the newsletter Republic recently distributed to all residents, and discussed literature they will be creating.

Mr. Bowling noted that recycling is not offered to renters in apartment buildings in Avon Lake. In response, Mr. Reitz stated that apartment buildings are not included in the City's contract; however, the owner of the rental units can request a recycling dumpster be placed on their property for a fee.

- Health Study – Bob Haas resigned from the Board and Mr. Nowak will be the new chair.
- Energy Efficiency – No report.
- Climate Action Plan – No report.
- By-laws and Chapter 274 – Mr. McCormick stated that this subcommittee was formed to review the Board's by-laws to determine if there are any inconsistencies. The subcommittee did find some inconsistencies in the by-laws and some conflicts with Chapter 274 of the Codified Ordinances. After revisions are made, the by-laws will be forwarded to the Environmental Committee for approval.

IV. New Business

a. Email address for the EAAB

Chair Larson reported that she will set up an email address for the Board which will be incorporated on the printed material the Board distributes at events. The email address will be managed by the Chair and Vice-Chair.

b. Winter Social

Chair Larson reported that the Winter Social will be held on Wednesday, January 20th from 6:30 p.m. to 8:30 p.m. at Nautical Lanes.

Meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk