

Minutes of the  
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, October 1, 2014  
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Present: Bill Gross, Holly Kowalski, Ray Nowak, Christine Raymond, and Mike Sweeney, citizen members.

Lisa Wagoner (Lubrizol), Ron Carlson (PolyOne), Matt Mesaros (Ford), and Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties), industry members.

Also in attendance: John Shondel, Council Representative and Mayor Zilka.

Absent: Rita George, Bob Haas, and Amy Nasr, citizen members; Scott Cameron (NRG), industry member.

Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Excused Absence Review: Mr. Nowak made a motion to accept the absences of Board members on September 3, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Kowalski. All yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wagoner. All yes. Motion passed.

City Administration Update: Mayor Zilka reported on Issue 12 and 13 on the November ballot.

In response to Mr. Gross, Mayor Zilka stated that if the levies fail, non-vital services will be reduced. A campaign to inform the public has begun through advertisements and robo calls. There will be another opportunity to bring the levies up for vote at the May 2015 ballot.

Industry Updates:

Applies Specialties – No report.

Ford – Mr. Mesaros reported that the Econoline van was successfully decommissioned. Tooling has begun on the H series, which is the medium duty truck. The facility has been reduced to one production shift; maintenance continues around the clock, five days a week.

Lubrizol – No report.

PolyOne – Mr. Carlson reported on the successful United Way campaign PolyOne recently conducted. It is expected that PolyOne will raise \$1.4 million for Lorain County United Way.

Council/Environmental Committee Update: Mr. Shondel reported on the following:

- Legislation was presented to Council to amend the EAAB membership composition.
- 2015 Budget planning will begin in November.
- Legislation authorizing the Mayor to enter into a contract for the temporary propane fueling station will be up for passage on October 27, 2014.
- The City ordered two new vehicles which will be “bifuel” ready.
- Two residents were issued Deer Damage Control permits, a third resident’s application requires additional information, and the fourth resident will defer their application until the spring.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – No report.

HHW/Recycling – Mr. Gehrke reported on the status of slide show presentation for ALCTV.

Health Study – Mr. Nowak reported the Health Study group has not met; an article on deer ticks is in progress.

Energy Efficiency – Mr. Mesaros reported that the Energy Efficiency group has discussed a potential topic for an article.

Wildlife – No report.

In response to Mrs. Wagoner, Mr. Shondel reported that he had not received any posters for the “Don’t Feed the Wildlife” contest. Mrs. Wagoner stated that her daughter’s art class prepared some. Mr. Sweeney stated that he was informed by the secretary at St. Joseph’s that they had collected submissions.

Mr. Sweeney reported that he will contact Board members when all the entries have been received to schedule a meeting to determine the winner.

Calendar Review

- October 4<sup>th</sup> & 5<sup>th</sup> - Homecoming

Big Trucks – Mr. Sweeney reported on the success of this event. There were approximately 100 participants in EAAB’s raffle.

New Business

Open Board Position – Mr. Sweeney reported that with the passage of the legislation to amend the membership of the EAAB, Erica Larson will be appointed to fill the vacancy on the EAAB.

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Homecoming - Mr. Sweeney requested volunteers for the weekend event. He distributed a signup sheet to the Board members in attendance and will circulate an email to those not present.

2014 Budget Update – The EAAB determined there were no further purchase needs for the remainder of 2014.

**Motion:** Mrs. Kowalski made a motion to return the budget balance of approximately \$1,300 to the Finance Director. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gross. All yes. Motion passed.

ALCTV- Mr. Sweeney encouraged subcommittees to work with the cable studio to present their mission to the community.

Elections – In response to Mrs. Wagoner, Mr. Sweeney reported that elections will be in December. Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Wagoner will not seek to return as Chair and Vice-Chair of the EAAB.

Meeting adjourned at 7:05 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk