



Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 7, 2015
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Present: Erica Larson, Amy Nasr, Christine Raymond, and Mike Sweeney, citizen members.

Lisa Wagoner (Lubrizol) and Tom Sulzer (PolyOne), industry members.

Also in attendance: Melinda Rutledge, resident, Council Representative John Shondel, and Public Works Director Joe Reitz.

Absent: Rita George, Bob Haas and Ray Nowak, citizen members; Scott Cameron (NRG), Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties), and Matt Mesaros (Ford) industry members.

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

Excused Absence Review: No quorum.

Approval of Minutes: No quorum.

Council/Environmental Committee Update: Mr. Shondel reported that the City's deer management plan was forwarded to Jeff Westerfield at ODNR. If approved by ODNR, the City will request 80 tags for the period of December 2015 through March 2016. The management plan must be on file with ODNR before the issuance of deer damage control permits (population control). Statistics has shown that Avon Lake has a significant overpopulation of deer. The City intends to reduce those numbers over the next couple of years through culling efforts.

City Administration Update: Public Works Director Reitz reported on the presentation he conducted in association with the Lorain County PIPE before the Lorain County Community Alliance. Dan Bogeovski from EPA addressed the group on the new stormwater regulations. The event was well attended. Future meetings will be conducted to discuss ordinance updates and requirements of municipalities. Lorain County PIPE will have a countywide project in 2016 in conjunction with Pride Day. More details will follow as plans develop.

Industry Updates:

Lubrizol – No report.



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PolyOne – Mr. Sulzer reported that PolyOne is considering developing land at the corner of Walker Road and Moore Road with a 30,000 square foot facility.

NRG – Public Works Director reported that NRG submitted plans for a building addition on Lake Road along with constructing three 80 foot towers and three buildings. Since NRG has decided to continue to use coal, capital improvements are required in order to be compliant with the US EPA regulations.

Old Business

Event: Big Trucks/Homecoming – Chair Larson reported on these two events, which were well attended. Prior to the next event, Chair Larson would like the Board to create brochures to offer at the events and determine some talking points whenever residents stop by the table.

New Business

a. Event Sponsorship – Chair Larson reported that she finalized the sponsorship with the Avon Lake Community Garden with a workshop entitled, “Planting an Urban Garden” on February 15 at 7 p.m. at the Avon Lake Public Library. Dale Cracas will be the guest speaker at the November meeting. In exchange for this sponsorship, Mr. Cracas has requested the Board spend a day in April preparing the community garden.

b. 2015 Proposed Budget – Chair Larson stated that the Board cannot vote on additional expenditures from the 2015 budget since there is not a quorum. All purchases for 2015 will need to be approved at the November meeting.

Guest Speaker

Debbie Gregoire, National Association of Women in Construction (NAWIC) speaks to boards and committees nationwide on Team Building, Partnering, How to be a Great Communicator, Getting the Most Value out of your membership, Mentoring, and Leadership.

She conducted exercises which helped the Board determine ways to express their objectives to the public and provided suggestions on how to market their mission more effectively.

Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk