

Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, November 5, 2014
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

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

Lisa Wagoner (Lubrizol), Ron Carlson and Steve Hartman (PolyOne), Matt Mesaros (Ford), and Scott Cameron (NRG), industry members.

Also in attendance: Erica Larson, John Shondel, Council Representative, and Public Works Director Joe Reitz.

Absent: Bob Haas, citizen members and Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties), industry member.

Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Excused Absence Review: Mrs. Kowalski made a motion to accept the absences of Board members on October 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nowak. All yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Nowak made a motion to approve the minutes from October 1, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mesaros. All yes. Motion passed.

City Administration Update: Public Works Director Reitz reported that the City will participate in the Lorain County brownfield assessment grant. The City has identified property on Avondale where old oil tanks are located as a possible site for the grant and will explore other unused industrial sites in the City.

Industry Updates:

Ford – Mr. Mesaros reported that tooling on the new H series line is ongoing with an anticipated completion date of spring 2015.

Lubrizol – No report.

PolyOne – Mr. Carlson introduced Steve Hartman as the new EAAB representative for PolyOne. Mr. Hartman reported on the gas line that will cross into PolyOne's property. Easements need to be finalized before the line can be installed.

NRG – Mr. Cameron reported that NRG has not granted the final approval of the pipeline project.

In response to Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Cameron stated that the project is the addition of a gas line, not a gas conversion. NRG will maintain a small coal pile in the event that it becomes necessary to burn coal due to the cost of electricity or if changes in technology reduce the cost of a scrubber (which must be installed to burn coal) or if Federal grants become available. If that occurs, NRG could use the coal. If the coal is removed and there is a need to burn coal, then the process of obtaining permits would be required. NRG will continue to burn coal until April 2016.

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

- Brownfield project was assigned to the Environmental Committee.
- Five homeowners applied for deer damage control permits which make up two shooting sites. Both permits were granted and two tags issued. Each site harvested one deer without incident.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – No report.

HHW/Recycling – No report.

Health Study – No report.

Energy Efficiency – No report.

Wildlife – No report.

Old Business

Keep America Beautiful Board – Mrs. George reported that the Board met in October and distributed pledge cards for the National Recycling Day to be held on November 15th. The pledge cards were available at the EAAB's Homecoming booth. The Board forwarded pledge sheets to Lorain County schools to encourage participation.

Mrs. Raymond reported that while attending a high school football game, she noted there were no recycling containers available. The EAAB discussed school recycling efforts.

Homecoming – Mr. Sweeney reported on the event which was successful despite having a lower turnout than past years.

Feeding the Wildlife Poster Contest – Mr. Sweeney reported that 92 entries were submitted from St. Joseph's school. Every school in Avon Lake had the opportunity to participate in this contest; however, no other schools submitted entries. Mr. Sweeney contacted the school board offices to inquire and to offer an extension on the deadline. Despite this, no other submissions were received. Molly Duff, a fourth grader from St. Joseph's school won the contest and will be presented with a family membership to the Cleveland Metro Parks Zoo at the November 10th Council Meeting.

New Business

Calendar Review – A copy of the 2015 calendar was distributed to the Board.

Open Board Position – Mr. Sweeney reported Erica Larson will be appointed to the Board on November 10th.

2014 Budget Update – Mr. Sweeney distributed the final budget report for 2014. The Board returned approximately \$1,300 to the City.

2015 Elections – Mr. Sweeney reported that elections will be held in December. Mr. Sweeney and Mrs. Wagoner will be step down from their role as Chair and Vice-Chair.

Meeting adjourned at 7:25 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk