

Minutes of the  
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, March 4, 2015  
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Present: Rita George, Bob Haas, Erica Larson, Amy Nasr, Christine Raymond, and Mike Sweeney, citizen members.

Scott Cameron (NRG) and Steve Hartman (PolyOne), industry members.

Also in attendance: Council Representative John Shondel.

Absent: Bill Gross and Ray Nowak, citizen members; Lisa Wagoner (Lubrizol), Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties), and Matt Mesaros (Ford) industry members.

Ms. Larson called the meeting to order at 6:36 p.m.

Excused Absence Review: Mr. Sweeney made a motion to accept the absences of Board members on January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nowak. All yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Gross made a motion to approve the minutes from January 8, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All yes. Motion passed.

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

- Deer Management Program – On January 14<sup>th</sup>, the Environment Committee reviewed the results from the 2015 deer damage control program and discussed a program for city owned property. It was concluded that Weiss Field would be the best location. The Metro Park is highly populated with deer; however, the Metro Park's Board has not been receptive. They may reconsider their position and Mr. Shondel encouraged EAAB members to attend their next meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m.

The Environmental Committee authorized Mr. Shondel to draft a Deer Management Plan. This type of plan is required by the Department of Wildlife in order to grant a deer control permit for population control and not for specific damage. The Deer Management Plan recognizes Avon Lake's deer problem. The Safety Committee will meet jointly with the Environmental Committee on February 19<sup>th</sup> at 6:30 p.m. to consider the plan Mr. Shondel wrote. Also, two pieces of legislation will be drafted to allow sharpshooters on city owned property.

City Administration Update: No report.

Industry Updates:

Applied Specialties – No report.

Lubrizol – No report.

PolyOne – No report.

NRG – Mr. Cameron reported that NRG is still acquiring rights of way on the easements needed for the pipeline project.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – Mr. Sweeney reported that an article on retention ponds directed to homeowner's associations was prepared. This group will meet with Public Works Director Reitz to determine what tasks and objectives Mr. Reitz has for 2015.

HHW/Recycling – Mr. Gehkre reported that this group met and would like to hold an event for residents whereby they would collect limited items, possibly electronics, to be disposed of at the Lorain County Collection Center. This event could coincide with Pride Day. Mr. Gehkre's employer, Applied Specialties on Pin Oak Parkway, would provide the space and use of their trucks to transport the items collected.

Ms. Larson stated that the group decided to change their name to Waste and Recycling in order to branch out on other topics and not focus only on household waste.

Health Study – Mr. Haas reported the next article will be on sun screen.

Energy Efficiency – Mrs. Nasr reported that this group has not met.

Climate Change – Mrs. Nasr reported that this group met to discuss topics on extreme weather and conditions that might contribute to it. There is enough interest on this subject and they plan to meet with Public Works Director Reitz to determine what the city has in place for disaster recovery or with extreme weather planning. After that meeting, this group can determine their direction.

**Motion:** Mrs. Nasr made a motion to form a subcommittee to investigate this matter further with the name of the subcommittee to be determined later. The motion was seconded by Ms. Larson. All yes. Motion passed.

New Business

ALCTV Presentations – Ms. Larson asked the Board to consider ideas for videos which would be aired on ALCTV.

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Mr. Sweeney suggested that every group prepare one video each year, similar to the one article they write each year. The PIPE subcommittee plans to do a video on retention ponds. If any committees do not want to appear on ALCTV, then provide the idea to Mr. Sweeney or Ms. Larson.

Lorain County Metro Parks Board – Mr. Sweeney stated he will attend the Board's meeting on Thursday, February 19<sup>th</sup> at 11 a.m. at Carlisle Reservation and encouraged any EAAB member attend if available.

Winter Social – Mr. Sweeney reported that the winter social will be at Parker's Grill on February 25<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. He will distribute an email to the Board to determine who will be attending.

Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk