

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.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the minutes from February 5, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Cameron. All yes. Motion passed.

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

Deer Management – the legislation amending language in the codified ordinances to allow sharpshooters will be read for the second time on March 9<sup>th</sup>. Mr. Shondel will seek suspension of rules to permit the legislation to be considered for passage. Plans are set for culling at Weiss Field and baiting began on February 27<sup>th</sup>. The second draft of the Deer Management Plan is complete. The plan was require from the Department of Wildlife in order for the City to obtain a deer control permit due to over pollution. The City will request 15 tags for Weiss Field. After efforts are concluded at Weiss Field, the City will set up two shooting sites for archers at the closed landfill and apply for 15 tags. It is the City's desire to take 30 deer to reduce the herd and to demonstrate to the Lorain County Metro Parks that the City can use sharpshooters and archers effectively and safely.

On March 6th, the third helicopter survey will be conducted. The first and second surveys were conducted on the same day (March 6) in 2013 and 2014 respectively. Lorain County Metro Parks conducted an infrared study, which is considered to be more accurate. Those results have not been released to the Mayor.

The City of Bay Village is considering allowing culling at Walker Road Park for the next season, which is after the first of September. From now until the first of September, the City of Avon Lake will encourage residents to apply for deer damage control permits for their individual unique problems.

Mr. Sweeney reported that he attended the Lorain County Metro Park Board meeting on February 19<sup>th</sup>. Their next meeting is March 19<sup>th</sup>. He voiced his concerns about the Metro Parks participation in the deer management plan. The Board seems receptive to his comments.

City Administration Update: No report.

Industry Updates:

PolyOne – Mr. Hartman reported that PolyOne has a new facility manager, Tom Sulzer.

NRG – Mr. Cameron reported that NRG has placed an order for pipes for the pipeline project.

In response to Mr. Sweeney, Mr. Cameron stated that NRG is allowed to burn coal until April 2016.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – Mr. Sweeney reported that he will film a segment along with Public Works Director Reitz on retention ponds.

HHW/Recycling – Ms. Larson reported that this group is planning to hold an event to coincide with Pride Day to collect household waste. Further details will be provided when they are finalized.

Health Study – No report.

Energy Efficiency – No report.

Climate Change – Mrs. Nasr reported she spoke with Public Works Director Reitz about the City's disaster recovery plan. Mr. Reitz stated the plan could be updated and will provide further information to this group for their input.

New Business

ALCTV Presentations – Ms. Larson stated that radon is another topic the Board could use for a public service announcement. She will review the article prepared by the health study group.

2015 Budget – Ms. Larson stated that the Board has purchased sun screen for the pool in the past and it will be placed on the April agenda for further discussion and consideration.

Public Comment – Andrew McCorkle, a civil and environmental consultant, was in attendance. He was in town to meet with John Uptmor and stopped by the EAAB's meeting to learn more about the group.

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Meeting adjourned at 7:09 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk