



Minutes of the  
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, April 6, 2016  
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Chair Larson called the meeting to order at 6:35 p.m.

I. Roll Call & Quorum

**Present:** Erica Larson, Kip Sekulic, and Terry Wyrock, citizen members.

Mike McCormick (Applied Specialties), Lisa Spencer (Lubrizol), and Scott Cameron (NRG), industry members.

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

**Absent:** Rita George, Erin McDevitt-Frantz, Ray Nowak, Marty Patton, Christine Raymond, and Melinda Rutledge, citizen members; Ford Representative and Tom Sulzer, industry members.

II. Unfinished Business

a. **Absences**

**Excused Absence Review:** Due to the lack of a quorum, the absence review was not conducted.

b. **Meeting Minutes**

**Approval of Minutes:** Due to the lack of a quorum, the minutes were not approved.

III. Reports from Committees/Groups

a. **City Council and the Environmental Committee**

Mr. Shondel updated the Board on the following:

- Geoff Westerfield from the ODNR approved the fourth draft of the Deer Management Plan. The plan will be presented to the Environmental Committee for final approval on April 13<sup>th</sup> and recommended to City Council.
- Legislation to join the Lorain County General Health District was prepared. Prior to the vote at the third reading, Council requested David Covell, Health Commissioner for the

Lorain County General Health District to attend the Council meeting on April 11<sup>th</sup> to provide more information and answer questions.

**b. City Administration** – None.

**c. Industry Updates**

Applied Specialties – Mr. McCormick reported on the following:

- Applied Specialties seeks to purchase a 50 foot wide parcel of land on the east side of the facility to expand the parking lot, the administrative offices will be relocated to building No. 3, and cherry trees will be planted along the parking lot expansion. The parking lot expansion will allow emergency access to the neighboring Chemtron facility.
- Employees donate monthly to various charitable organizations. For the month of April, donations will be made to the Animal Protective League.

NRG – Mr. Cameron reported that the anticipated completion date of the construction projects at the facility is mid-May.

Mayor Zilka reported that the contractors were granted permission to use the southeast corner of the boat launch parking lot and noticed that there have not been any car parked in that location. He asked if NRG has had sufficient space for the contractors to park at the facility. Mr. Cameron responded that the split shifts have allowed ample space in their parking lots.

**d. Research/Investigate Groups**

- PIPE – None.
- Waste & Recycling – Chair Larson reported that new board member Terry Wyrock was assigned to this group.
- Health Study – None.
- Energy Efficiency – Mr. Cameron reported that this group has not met recently; however, discussions on the brochure content were circulated via email.
- By-Laws and Chapter 274 – this item was tabled.

#### IV. New Business

**a. Continue providing sunscreen to the pool for 2016**

Chair Larson distributed a copy of the budget information to the Board. The Board has supplied the city pool with one gallon of sunscreen for the past several years. Last year, however, the

Board received a donation from a local dermatologist. Chair Larson received a quote of \$104 for one gallon. If there is a quorum next month, the Board will vote to approve this purchase.

**b. Printed brochures and business cards**

Chair Larson passed around copies of the printed brochures and business cards that have been completed to date. As soon as the other investigative groups have completed their brochures, copies will be made and distributed to the Board.

**c. Pride Day**

Chair Larson reported that past cleanups were conducted at parks; however, she was informed that there was not that much to clean since the City regularly maintains all the parks. It was suggested that a garlic pull be conducted. Garlic is an invasive species in the City. Chair Larson will contact the Kopf Reservation to find a location for the pull.

**d. Leave No Trace**

Chair Larson reported that the Leave No Trace event sponsored by the Board is scheduled for June 18<sup>th</sup> at Weiss Field. The cost to purchase either nature buttons and/or lapel pins was placed on the budget and will be considered next month if there is a quorum. The instructor of the event suggested that the Board consider giving items such as these to the participants.

**e. May's meeting – guest speaker**

Chair Larson reported that Jill Bartolotta, Sea Grant Extension Educator, will attend the May meeting and speak on climate change impacts to coastal communities, nutrient loading, marine debris, and microplastics. Mr. Sekulic will contact *The Press* to inform the public.

Meeting adjourned at 7:24 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk