

Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, June 3, 2015
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

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

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

Also in attendance: Council Representative John Shondel and Public Works Director Reitz.

Absent: Erica Larson, citizen members; Scott Cameron (NRG), Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties) and Matt Mesaros (Ford) industry members.

Mr. Sweeney called the meeting to order at 6:33 p.m.

Excused Absence Review: Mr. Haas made a motion to accept the absences of Board members on June 3, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nowak. All yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the minutes from May 6, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Shondel. All yes. Motion passed.

City Administration Update: Public Works Director Reitz reported the activities for Waterfest which will be held August 8th at Miller Road Park from noon until 5 p.m.

The City of Avon Lake received fourth place in the collection of recycled materials for 2014. Based on those results, the City will receive \$23,000 in grants to be used for recycled projects. Mr. Reitz decided that the City will use the funds to repair and extend the boardwalk at Veterans Park. The results of other cities in Lorain County were as follows: Elyria – first place, North Ridgeville – second place, and Avon – third place.

Industry Updates:

Lubrizol – No report.

PolyOne – No report.

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

- The Public Works Department deer carcass pick up through the month of May 2015 was 29. The numbers for the prior years are: 2011 – 14; 2012 – 7; 2013- 22; and 2014 – 11.

- Mayor Zilka is scheduled to meet with representatives from the Metro Parks to discuss culling deer in the Kopf Family Reservation.
- Legislation granting subpoena powers for some commissions and committees has been presented to Council in addition to creating the position of Economic Development Director.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – Mr. Sweeney reported that this subcommittee met previously with Mr. Reitz to plan activities for the Water Fest.

HHW/Recycling – No report.

Health Study – No report. Mr. Nowak reported that the radon article prepared will be forwarded to the clerk to publish online.

Energy Efficiency – Mrs. Nasr reported that this subcommittee is still working on an article for October.

Emergency Preparedness – Mrs. Nasr reported that an outline was prepared and will be forwarded to Mr. Reitz for his review and input. She requested Mr. Reitz inform her if any additional work or research is needed by the subcommittee.

Old Business

Keep America Beautiful Board/Pride Day – Mrs. George asked the Clerk and the board members who participated in Pride Day for the number of bags collected. She will relay those numbers to the Keep America Beautiful Board at their next meeting.

Board members who participated in Pride Day reported on their cleanup activities at Bicentennial Park and Veterans Park/beach area.

Mrs. George commented on the presentation by the Historical Society of Cleveland and other state agencies along with the Avon Lake Garden Club on the prevention of erosion of the coastline through the planting of indigenous plants.

Mr. Reitz spoke on the drone the city has been utilizing to inspect the breakwalls at Veterans Park and North Point. The city is required to inspect these areas after storms to determine if any shifting of stones has occurred. If there are any, it must be repaired. The drone can be used during the winter when a boat cannot go out on the lake or for areas where it is difficult to visually inspect due to elevation and terrain.

Sunscreen – Mr. Gross reported on a newsletter he received from an environmental group evaluating sunscreens. In this study, it listed 11 of the worse sunscreen sprays and lotions. If the EAAB continues to purchase sunscreen for distribution at the city pool, this data will be helpful

in determining which products to avoid. Go to www.ewg.org/2015sunscreen for further information.

New Business

Calendar Review – Mr. Sweeney reviewed the upcoming events and encouraged members to participate. Big Trucks and Homecoming generate large crowds.

Summer Social – Mr. Sweeney reported that a Summer Social will be held on August 5 at Melissa’s Café at 7 p.m. The cost is \$15/person. An email reminder will be distributed mid-July.

Water Fest – Mr. Sweeney reported that Water Fest will be August 8th from noon to 5 p.m. The EAAB will conduct a survey and promote a poster contest for Avon Lake students, grades 1 through 4. The topic will be “Why is it Important to Keep Lake Erie Clean?” Anyone who participates in the survey will be entered in a raffle.

2015 Budget – Mr. Sweeney distributed a list of the expenditures from past years. The EAAB discussed items to be purchased to be used as raffles at various events. Three rain barrels will be donated from the Public Works Department and sunscreen for the pool was donated by a local dermatologist, who wished to remain anonymous. Bags, radon kits, programmable thermostats, LED bulbs, and a family membership to a local museum were considered.

Motion: Mrs. Nasr made a motion that the EAAB will recess for the month of July and August. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Raymond. All yes. Motion passed.

Motion: Mrs. Wagoner made a motion for the expenditure from the 2015 budget to include reusable bags not to exceed \$200, three radon kits not to exceed \$40, three thermostats not to exceed \$80, three LED kits not to exceed \$20, and a Lake Erie Science Center family membership not to exceed \$88. The motion is seconded by Mr. Nowak. All yes. Motion passed.

Mr. Gross tendered his letter of resignation to the Board.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk