

Minutes of the  
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting  
Wednesday, June 4, 2014  
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Present: Rita George, Bob Haas, Holly Kowalski, Amy Nasr, Christine Raymond, and Michael Sweeney, citizen members.

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

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

Absent: Bill Gross and Ray Nowak, citizen members; Eric Gehkre (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 May 7, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wagoner. All yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes from May 7, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All yes. Motion passed.

City Administration Update: Public Works Director Reitz reported on the following:

- Plans for the first Water Fest in August have begun.

Industry Updates:

Ford – Mr. Mesaros reported that the plant is busy with the transition of the full size Econoline will which occur the end of the month in addition to the preparation of the medium size trucks.

PolyOne – Mr. Carlson reported that the new CEO for PolyOne is Bob Patterson. Also, PolyOne's stock is at an all-time high.

NRG – Mr. Cameron reported progress is moving forward with the gas conversion project. After analyzing pipeline routes, NRG finally determined the route which is approximately 20 miles from the Avon Lake plant.

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

- Current deer accident/pick up for 2014 through the month of May is 21. The helicopter count for March 6, 2013 was 153 and according to ODNR, that number translates to approximately 200 deer. The helicopter count for March 6, 2014 was 173, which translates to approximately 220-225. Last year the City picked up 100 dead deer. The Environmental Committee will introduce the deer legislation on June 11<sup>th</sup> and the legislation will be introduced at the Collective Committee Meeting on June 16<sup>th</sup>. The legislation will allow residents to apply for a deer damage control permit. It will be a two-step process. Residents will contact the Department of Wildlife to apply for a permit. After a permit is issued, Chief Streater will inspect the property and determine case by case if he will approve or disapprove the execution of the deer damage permit.

#### Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – No report.

HHW/Recycling – No report.

Health Study – No report.

Energy Efficiency – No report.

Wildlife – Mr. Sweeney reported that this subcommittee met to develop ideas for the “Don’t Feed the Wildlife” campaign. A school poster contest will be offered in the fall. The prize will be a one-year family membership to the zoo. A wildlife expert will be interviewed at the cable studio this summer. A flyer and questionnaire will be distributed at the Water Fest.

#### Calendar Review

August 9<sup>th</sup> – Water Fest

September 20<sup>th</sup> – Big Trucks

Keep America Beautiful Board – No report.

#### New Business

Water Fest – Mr. Sweeney distributed a sign up list for Board members to volunteer their time at this event which will be held August 9<sup>th</sup> beginning at noon.

Summer Social – Mr. Sweeney reported that the summer social will be held August 6<sup>th</sup> at 7 p.m. at Takis in Learwood Plaza.

Budget – Mr. Sweeney reviewed the 2014 budget expenditures. The family membership to the zoo which will be used as the prize for the poster contest was added.

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**Motion:** Mr. Sweeney made a motion to add the family membership for the zoo to the 2014 budget. The motion was seconded by Mrs. Wagoner. All yes. Motion passed.

ALCTV – Mr. Sweeney encouraged the Board to consider using this media form as a way to promote messages pertinent to any subcommittee.

**Motion:** Mrs. George made a motion that the Board will not convene for the month of July and August. The motion was seconded by Mr. Mesaros. All yes. Motion passed.

Meeting adjourned at 7:34 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk