



Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 2, 2015
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Present: Erica Larson, Rita George, Amy Nasr, Ray Nowak, and Christine Raymond, citizen members.

Lisa Wagoner (Lubrizol), industry member.

Also in attendance: Council Representative John Shondel and Steve Hartman (in place of Tom Sulzer from PolyOne).

Absent: Bob Haas and Mike Sweeney, citizen members; Scott Cameron (NRG), Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties), Tom Sulzer (PolyOne), and Matt Mesaros (Ford) industry members.

Ms. Larson called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Excused Absence Review: No quorum.

Approval of Minutes: No quorum.

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

Two dogs attacked and killed a dog in the Bridgeside subdivision. This was the second dog attack which resulted in the death of a dog this summer. Council has proposed changes to the city ordinances to offer preventive measures and provide stiff penalties for owners of dogs which attack other dogs or people in the community.

Industry Updates:

Lubrizol – No report.

PolyOne – No report.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups:

PIPE/Storm Water – No report.



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HHW/Recycling – Ms. Larson reported that she visited the pool and noticed that there weren't recycling bins available. She contacted Recreation Director Gary Gerrone. Mr. Gerrone spoke with the pool staff who informed him that they had discontinued recycling when the new trash bins went into effect. Mr. Gerrone was not aware of this situation and said he would ensure that a recycling bin would be obtained and that recycling would resume at the start of the next pool season.

Health Study – Mr. Nowak reported that he prepared an article on deer ticks and will forward it to the clerk to publish online.

Old Business

Water Fest

Ms. Larson reported on the Water Fest which was held August 8th. Attendance was lower than last year's event. She noticed that most of the informational flyers at the EAAB table were not prepared by the Board. She suggested the Board create brochures from new topics in addition to using previously written articles.

In response to Ms. Larson, Mr. Shondel stated that the 2015/2016 ten-year deer management plan will be reviewed at the Environmental Committee. Thereafter, it will be presented to Council for final approval. Copies of that approved plan could be available for events EAAB will attend.

Ohio Sea Grant's 8th Annual Lake Erie Day Trip

Ms. Larson reported that she attended the Ohio Sea Grant's Lake Erie day trip held at the Ohio State University research facility at Put-n-Bay. All state and local legislators were invited. At the research vessel, presentations were conducted on various topics such as algae bloom, trash, dredging the sentiment in the canal areas along with demonstrations on collecting water samples, fish, and sentiments on the bottom of Lake Erie. She requested copies of the power point presentations to share with the Board members.

Guest Speakers & Education

Ms. Larson stated that she would like to have guest speakers attend some EAAB meetings to bring new ideas to the Board. She attended a meeting of the Avon Lake Tree Commission and spoke with the chair. He is interested in speaking to the Board on the issue of bacteria on trees. The leader of the Avon Lake Community Garden will attend the November meeting. In October a colleague of Ms. Larson, who is a member of the National Association of Women in Construction and is responsible for assessing their national chapters, will speak on how the Board can restructure to become more effective.



New Business

Poster Contest

Mr. Shondel reported that he distributed posters to all the elementary schools in Avon Lake advertising the contest the Board is offering for students in grades 1 through 4. He explained to each school the problems the Board had encountered at last year's contest with a poor response from the schools. He was informed that students only receive one hour art class per week and are inundated with several poster contests throughout the year.

Big Trucks/Homecoming

Ms. Larson distributed a signup list for volunteers at these events. She asked for ideas for items to be distributed at the events.

Mrs. George responded that the previous materials distributed at events were based on concerns the Board had with the increase melanoma cases in Avon Lake along with providing the community with literature from other sources that have created effective messages.

Ms. Larson stated that this Board can conduct research and create their own literature, citing the reputable resources where the research was found. In order for this Board to become more visible in the community, it is important that the Board is viewed as the authority on the information distributed.

Miscellaneous Issues – Website, Board Meetings

Ms. Larson addressed her concerns with the limitations of the city website along with the dynamics of the Board, the responsibilities and expectations of each member.

Ms. Larson reported that the Avon Lake Community Garden will have a workshop on "Planting an Urban Garden" on February 15, 2016 at 7 p.m. at the Avon Lake Public Library. The chair has requested the EAAB sponsor/partner the event.

Meeting adjourned at 7:35 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk