

Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, September 3, 2014
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

Present: Rita George, Bill Gross, Holly Kowalski, Amy Nasr, and Ray Nowak, citizen members.

Lisa Wagoner (Lubrizol), Ron Carlson (PolyOne), and Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties), industry members.

Also in attendance: Joe Reitz, Public Works Director, and Erica Larson, resident.

Absent: Bob Haas, Christine Raymond, and Mike Sweeney, citizen members; Scott Cameron (NRG) and Matt Mesaros (Ford), industry members.

Mrs. Wagoner called the meeting to order at 6:30 p.m.

Excused Absence Review: Mrs. George made a motion to accept the absences of Board members on June 4, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mr. Nowak. All yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mrs. Kowalski made a motion to approve the minutes from June 4, 2014. The motion was seconded by Mrs. George. All yes. Motion passed.

City Administration Update: No report.

Industry Updates:

Applies Specialties – No report.

Lubrizol – No report.

PolyOne – No report.

Council/Environmental Committee Update: No report.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – No report.

HHW/Recycling – Mr. Gehrke reported on the research he conducted regarding the recycling/disposing of cfl bulbs. He prepared a public service announcement for ALCTV and will distribute it to the Board for their review and input.

Health Study – Mr. Nowak reported that an article on deer ticks will be completed.

Energy Efficiency – Mrs. Nasr reported that an article is due in October.

Wildlife – In Mr. Sweeney’s absence, Mrs. Wagoner reported on the school poster contest. She distributed a copy of a flyer that will be circulated to the city schools. The deadline for the contest is October 3rd.

Mrs. Kowalski suggested that if the EAAB writes a letter to the Metroparks, they may donate the zoo family membership.

Calendar Review

- September 20th – Big Trucks: Volunteers are needed for this event. If anyone is interested, please email Mrs. Wagoner or Mr. Sweeney.
- October 4th & 5th - Homecoming

Keep America Beautiful Board – Mrs. George reported that the next meeting for this Board is September 23rd.

Walker Road Park Clean-up – Mr. Carlson reported that PolyOne did not finalize the arrangements to clean Walker Road. PolyOne is still interested and he will make arrangements with Mr. Reitz.

Water Fest – Mrs. Wagoner reported on the event held in August. The EAAB conducted a survey on the ordinance, “Do not feed the Wildlife.” The results were: 64 percent knew about the ordinance; 89 percent knew why we have the ordinance; and 92 percent agree with it.

New Business

Open Board Position – In Mr. Sweeney’s absence, Mrs. Wagoner reported that there is a vacancy on the board due to the resignation of Chemtron. It was suggested that resident, Ericka Larson fill the vacancy. The Board is in support of this and will seek Mr. Shondel’s recommendation. Since Chemtron is an industry member, Council will have to amend the requirement of an industry member.

Budget – Mrs. Wagoner reviewed the 2014 budget expenditures and requested additional purchases be submitted to the Board at the next meeting.

Algae Bloom – Mrs. Wagoner asked if anyone had news on the algae bloom off the shores of Avon Lake.

Mrs. George asked if Avon Lake could have an algae problem like Toledo. Mr. Reitz stated that the shallow depth of water off the shores of Toledo was a contributing factor. It is unlikely Avon

Lake would experience this problem since the water depth is much deeper. Council has asked Avon Lake Region Water to review their options.

Mrs. Kowalski stated that there is a lot of farm run off in Toledo. The combination of the runoff and warmer water due to the shallow depth contributed to the growth of the algae.

Trash Contract – Mr. Reitz reported that the trash contract will be amended to include the pickup of blue bags provided by Republic during the bulk week. Republic's blue bags will be used for additional trash and can be purchased at Drug Mart and Ace Hardware.

Meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk