

Minutes of the
Environmental Affairs Advisory Board Meeting
Wednesday, April 1, 2015
Lake House 6:30 P.M.

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

Scott Cameron (NRG) and Steve Hartman (PolyOne), industry members.

Also in attendance: Tom Sulzer, PolyOne, Public Works Director Reitz, and Council Representative John Shondel.

Absent: Lisa Wagoner (Lubrizol), Eric Gehrke (Applied Specialties), and Matt Mesaros (Ford) industry members.

Ms. Larson called the meeting to order at 6:31 p.m.

Excused Absence Review: Mr. Haas made a motion to accept the absences of Board members on March 5, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Gross. All yes. Motion passed.

Approval of Minutes: Mr. Haas made a motion to approve the minutes from March 5, 2015. The motion was seconded by Mr. Sweeney. All yes. Motion passed.

Industry Updates:

PolyOne – No report.

NRG – Mr. Cameron reported that the Ohio Power Siting Board will hold a public hearing on April 8th at 6 p.m. at Spitzer Hall, Lorain County Community College regarding the pipeline project.

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

The culling on City owned property has concluded for the winter of 2015. The sharpshooters took 16 deer at Weiss Field. The City was under contract with the US Dept. of Agriculture at a cost of not more than \$15,960. As of today's date, the City has incurred invoices totaling \$4,900 with an additional charge of approximately \$500, for a total of \$5,400. Three deer were taken at the closed landfill by bow hunters. The bow hunting is open until April 11th. The first eight deer resulted in 320 pounds of ground venison. The venison was delivered to Second Harvest in Lorain County.

The Bay Village/Walker Road ad hoc committee will meet on April 21st at 6:30 p.m. at Bay Village City Hall to discuss the Deer Management Program in Walker Road Park.

The Mayor will attempt to schedule a meeting with the Lorain County Metro Parks.

The first step in the Deer Management Program is to offer residents the opportunity to obtain a deer damage control permit, the second step pertains to culling on City owned property, and the third step is for large parcels of privately owned properties, such as industrial sites, vacant land or woodland, the opportunity to participate.

A helicopter survey was conducted. The survey counted 139 deer. The Service Department has collected dead deer for the Period of January - March for each year listed as follows:

2011 – 9
2012 – 5
2013 – 8
2014 – 4
2015 – 15

City Administration Update: Public Works Director Reitz reported that Water Fest will be August 8th from noon to 4 p.m. at Miller Road Park. Mr. Reitz requested the EAAB participate and will meet with the PIPE subcommittee to brainstorm activities for the event.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups

PIPE/Storm Water – Mr. Sweeney reported that the segment on retention/detention ponds can be viewed on avonlake.pegcentral.com. He contacted the manager of ACE Hardware in Avon Lake to film a segment on lighting.

HHW/Recycling – Ms. Larson reported that Eric Gehrke, Chair of this subcommittee suggested having an e-cycle waste collection on or around Pride Day. Details of this event will follow after Mr. Gehrke confirms the use of his employer's facility.

Old Business:

Keep America Beautiful Board - Mrs. George reported that in 2014 Keep America Board expanded Pride Day to Pride Week and will participate in Pride Week this year.

Pride Day is May 16th. EAAB will clean Bicentennial Park and the beach at Veterans Park.

Investigative/Fact Finding Groups (continued)

Health Study – Mr. Nowak distributed and reviewed an outline of an article this subcommittee will prepare on deer ticks.

Energy Efficiency – No report.

Climate Change – Ms. Larson noted that the name of this subcommittee is incorrect and asked Mrs. Nasr for it. Mrs. Nasr stated that a name has not been decided and she will

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meet with the subcommittee to determine it along with brainstorming agenda items for Public Works Director Reitz.

New Business

ALCTV Presentations – Mr. Sweeney stated he plans to do a segment at the cable studio based on the radon article prepared by the Health Study subcommittee.

2015 Budget – Mr. Sweeney reported that a local dermatologist will donate sunscreen for the City pool.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30 p.m.

Respectfully yours,

Valerie E. Rosmarin, Clerk