

RESORT TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Resort Township Hall
2232 Resort Pike Petoskey, MI 49770
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Tuesday, 1 December 2009; 7:00 P.M.

UNAPPROVED MINUTES

A. Pledge of Allegiance

B. Call Meeting to Order. The meeting was called to order by the Chair at 7:03 PM.

C. Roll Call. Present were Chair Al Welsheimer, Vice Chair Leo Simon, Clerk Lucy Eppler, Tom Webster, Chuck Sanback, Mark Furgeson, and Jennifer McKay.

D. Approval of the Agenda.

Motion by Sanback
To approve the agenda.

Support by Vice Chair Simon

Voice vote

Ayes

All

Nays

None

Motion carried.

E. Public Hearings

None scheduled.

F. Brief Public Comment.

None

G. Minutes of Previous Meeting.

Motion by Webster
To approve the minutes of the 3 November 2009 meeting.

Support by Vice Chair Simon

Voice vote

Ayes

All

Nays

None

Motion carried.

H. Communications to the Committee.

Simon received complaints regarding a residence in Vantage View; he suggested that a formal complaint including photos be submitted. Chair Welsheimer also received communication regarding this property.

I. Reports from the Members.

Webster provided information to committee members on the Michigan Right to Farm Act and will continue to conduct additional research on specific GAMPs.

J. Unfinished Business

Bay Harbor Discussion – The Committee had a discussion regarding the NPDES application that was submitted by CMS to discharge diluted leachate to Little Traverse Bay. McKay handed out a publication “A Citizen’s Guide to Water Quality Permitting” which provides information on the NPDES program and how to participate in the permitting process. Webster indicated that the committee should not support discharge to the lake that does not reduce the overall level of mercury and the Township should take a position. Eppler noted that we do not have the application or details at this time. We will continue to follow the matter and will discuss after we have further information to review.

Vouchers/Recycling – Clerk Eppler reported that vouchers are being used at a high rate currently.

Inoperable/Dismantled Vehicle Ordinance – No report

Renewable Energy Report – No report

Spring Cleanup – Clerk Eppler provided a cost analysis from last year’s cleanup. From the analysis, it was noted that the volume of waste is decreasing which was the purpose of the cleanup. Discussion ensued into conducting the entire Spring cleanup at the Township Hall as a cost savings measure. Sanback inquired if there was any way to get information from the residents as to their preference. Clerk Eppler mentioned something could be included in a survey, but it would not go out until the Spring. Sanback emphasized that education would need to start now to ensure that residents were aware of any change. Furgeson again believes that it would worthwhile to conduct the cleanup at the Township Hall as it would provide significant cost savings to the residents. Sanback recommended that if the cleanup becomes a dropoff at the Township Hall, the date be moved to June to accommodate lake residents who otherwise miss the early cleanup date. Clerk Eppler indicated that the date has been limited because of the fact that the cleanup has been a roadside cleanup and subject to the schedule of the pickup companies.

Wetland Protection Ordinance – No report

K. New Business.
None

L. Announcements.
None

M. Adjournment.
Motion by Vice Chair Simon
To adjourn the meeting.

Support by Webster

Ayes
All

Nays
None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 8:17 P.M.

Note: the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Resort Township Environmental Committee will be held on Tuesday 5, January 2010 at 7:00 PM at Resort Township Hall.