

RESORT TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

Resort Township Hall
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Tuesday, 3 February 2009; 7:00 P.M.

APPROVED MINUTES

- A. Pledge of Allegiance**
- B. Call Meeting to Order.** The meeting was called to order by the Vice Chair at 7:02 PM.
- C. Swearing In.** Clerk Eppler swore in Jennifer McKay to the Resort Township Environmental Committee.
- D. Roll Call.** Present were Vice Chair Leo Simon, Clerk Lucy Eppler, Mark Furgeson, Tom Webster and Jennifer McKay. Absent was Chair Al Welsheimer and Chuck Sanback.

Audience: Supervisor Bob Wheaton, Trustee Don Caird

- E. Approval of the Agenda.**
Motion by Clerk Eppler Support by Webster
To approve the agenda as printed.

Voice vote
Ayes Nays
All None

Motion carried.

- F. Public Hearings**
None scheduled.

- G. Brief Public Comment.**
None

- H. Minutes of Previous Meeting.**
Motion by Clerk Eppler Support by Webster
To approve the minutes of the 6 January 2009 meeting as presented.

Voice vote
Ayes Nays

All

None

Motion carried.

I. Communications to the Committee.

None

J. Reports from the Members.

Furgeson provided an update to the Committee from the Parks and Rec meeting including information regarding installation of a drinking water well at West Park and potential enhancements at Morford Park.

McKay provided an update on the Governor's proposal to give Michigan's wetland protection program back to the federal government. McKay noted one possible impact of the proposal was that the state could have no authority whatsoever to regulate wetlands in the state, but the ability for local units of government to regulate wetlands could be retained. Should this actually occur, McKay recommended that Resort Township consider adoption of a wetland protection ordinance. Webster requested that McKay bring a sample wetland protection ordinance to the next Environmental Committee meeting.

K. Unfinished Business

Bay Harbor Discussion – McKay encouraged Resort Township to consider testing of water utilized for irrigation if the source was the upgradient diversion wells installed by CMS as part of the remediation efforts. McKay also noted that Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council has requested that CMS test the ground water diverted via the upgradient wells, at least initially, especially if the water is to be used for irrigation in the park. Supervisor Wheaton inquired into the Watershed Council's position on deep injection wells after seeing a fact sheet at the recent EPA public meeting. McKay indicated that at this time, the Watershed Council prefers properly designed and maintained deep injection over discharges into biological ecosystems where mercury and other contaminants can accumulate through ecological processes. An inquiry was made regarding an injection well on site. McKay responded that the Watershed Council would have to review the site specific conditions such as geology, surface features, structural integrity, etc. and make a determination based upon sound science and policy analyses.

Vouchers / Recycle Contract – Clerk Eppler reported the vouchers are running low and need to be reprinted.

Inoperable / Dismantled Vehicle Ordinance – The Committee received a written update from the Enforcement Officer regarding progress on one active case as well as an update

on travel trailer concerns raised at a previous Environmental Committee Meeting

Stormwater Ordinance project – Mike Grant, Olsen, Bzdok & Howard, P.C. and Howard Haselschwardt, NDG, were on hand to explain their proposals, recommendations, and various options available to the Township with respect to a Stormwater ordinance. Discussion ensued on methods available to Township include adopting a separate stormwater ordinance, include stormwater in site plan reviews as part of the Zoning Ordinance, or adopt a comprehensive stormwater and sedimentation/erosion control program. Additionally, considerations including strength of ordinance, necessary provisions, timeliness, etc. were discussed

Motion by Clerk Eppler Support by Furgeson
The Resort Township Environmental Committee recommends that the Resort Township Board immediately pursue language for a strong stand alone stormwater ordinance for Resort Township. We recommend the Board contact the appropriate parties including the attorney and engineer to ensure enactment of a stormwater ordinance in a timely fashion.

Voice vote.

Ayes	Nays
All	None

Motion carried.

Spring Cleanup – The Committee discussed the past costs associated with the cleanup as well as potential options to reduce costs.

Motion by Vice Chair Simon Support by Clerk Eppler
The Resort Township Environmental Committee recommends that in an effort to reduce costs the Resort Township Board modify the Spring Cleanup 2009 to have both tires and metal dropped off at the Township Hall on May 16th, 2009 from 9 a.m. to 2 p.m.

Voice vote.

Ayes	Nays
All	None

L. New Business.

Election of Officers

Motion by Clerk Eppler Support by Simon
To nominate Al Welsheimer as Resort Township Environmental Committee Chair.

Motion by Clerk Eppler Support by Furgeson
To nominate Leo Simon as Resort Township Environmental Committee Vice Chair.

Motion by Clerk Eppler Support by Furgeson
To nominate Jennifer McKay as Resort Township Environmental Committee Secretary.

Voice vote.

Ayes

Nays

All

None

Motions carried.

M. Announcements.

None.

N. Adjournment.

Motion by Webster

Support by Clerk Eppler

To adjourn the meeting.

Ayes

Nays

All

None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by the Vice Chair at 9:05 P.M.

Note: the next regularly scheduled meeting of the Resort Township Environmental Committee will be held on Tuesday 3, March 2009 at 7:00 PM at Resort Township Hall.