

**RESORT TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Resort Township Hall  
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Tuesday, 2 June 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 7:01 PM.

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

**Audience:** None

**D. Approval of the Agenda.**

Motion by Sanbeck

Support by Furgeson

To approve the standard agenda.

Voice vote

Ayes

Nays

All

None

Motion carried.

**E. Public Hearings**

None scheduled.

**F. Brief Public Comment.**

None

**G. Minutes of Previous Meeting.**

Motion by Vice Chair Simon

Support by Sanbeck

To approve the minutes of the 6 May 2009 meeting as presented.

Voice vote

Ayes

Nays

Five

None

Motion carried.

**H. Communications to the Committee.**

Webster provided the committee members with information about the Michigan Land Use Institute. Vice Chair Simon has had concern expressed to him regarding the Hinkley mining operation.

Clerk Eppler arrived at 7:10

**I. Reports from the Members.**

None

**J. Unfinished Business**

Bay Harbor Discussion – The reopening of East Park is scheduled for June 20<sup>th</sup>, 2009. McKay indicated CMS is still evaluating disposal options for leachate collected at East Park including a deep injection well on site as well as discharge to the surface waters of Little Traverse Bay.

Vouchers / Recycle Contract – Clerk Eppler reported that the new vouchers are in and have already been used by Township residents.

Inoperable / Dismantled Vehicle Ordinance – No report.

Stormwater Ordinance – Clerk Eppler reported that stormwater ordinance was passed after the public hearing.

Renewable Energy Report – The committee will be following the proposal for a wind generator in Bear Creek Township.

Spring Cleanup – Chair Welsheimer reported that the Spring cleanup went very well and the changes of steel drop-off at the Township Hall and electronics recycling were a success. Three issues were raised: hours of the drop-off, per diems, and providing lunch for staff who work the drop-off. Vice Chair Simon noted that the 1-2pm time period was not utilized by many residents. Clerk Eppler agreed that a 9 am – noon drop-off time would be sufficient as that was when the majority of people dropped items off. Chair Welsheimer inquired into the costs of doing the drop of at the Township Hall versus costs associated with previous years. Furgeson recommended conducting the entire Spring cleanup at the Township Hall where residents drop everything off rather than have items picked up roadside. Clerk Eppler indicated we could look into the possibility and the cost savings for next year's clean up and mentioned that there were significant savings this year by having just the steel dropped off at the Township Hall. Chair Welsheimer recommended the committee compare final numbers from this year with previous years

once we have them.

Wetland Protection Ordinance –McKay provided an update on the proposal to return the wetland protection program to the federal government. Even if efforts to save the state wetland protection program are successful, the program will be modified. McKay concluded it will, therefore, still be worthwhile for the Township to pursue a wetland protection ordinance. Clerk Eppler noted that the lawyers are currently working on the land preservation ordinance for the Township and the committee can recommend the Township pursue a wetland ordinance once that work is finalized.

Roadside Cleanup – Due to a lack of participation at the previous roadside cleanup, the Environmental Committee was unable to clean up as much of the Township as we wanted. We will be leading another roadside cleanup on Tuesday, June 16<sup>th</sup> from 7-9 pm to finish the job. We encourage other Township Committee members as well as Township residents to join us in helping to keeping the roadsides of Resort Township clean.

**K. New Business.**  
None

**L. Announcements.**  
None

**M. Adjournment.**  
Motion by Sanbeck  
To adjourn the meeting.

Support by McKay

Ayes  
All

Nays  
None

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 7:57 P.M.

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