

**RESORT TOWNSHIP ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

Resort Township Hall  
2232 Resort Pike Petoskey, MI 49770  
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Tuesday, 6 July 2010; 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 7:08 PM.

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

**D. Approval of the Agenda.**

Motion by Clerk Eppler  
To approve the agenda.

Support by Sanback

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 Clerk Eppler  
To approve the minutes of the 1 June 2010 meeting.

Support by Furgeson

Voice vote

Ayes

All

Nays

None

Motion carried.

**H. Communications to the Committee.**

None

**I. Reports from the Members.**

Sanback reported that an additional tote was delivered to households from Emmet County for recycling. McKay indicated that the recycling center has expanded and is now accepting more materials. We can now also recycle the following:

Plastic tubs, trays, and cups  
Juice boxes, milk cartons and paper cups  
Cardboard packaging from frozen and refrigerated foods  
Plastic grocery and bread bags

With the second tote, the County is requesting that you sort your day-to-day recyclables into two categories: containers and papers, boxes & bags. More information is available at <http://www.emmetcounty.org/recycling/>

Vice Chair Simon expressed interest in the Township creating a compost pile for leaves and grass clippings. It would offer a service to the residents who were interested and we could use the compost in the place of fertilizer. The committee will make the suggestion to the Board of Trustees.

Chair Welsheimer arrived at 7:14

McKay inquired into the response by the Parks and Rec Committee to the letter sent by the Environmental Committee encouraging them to make a much needed recommendation to the Township Board regarding fertilizer use and a landscape policy at the Township parks. Chair Welsheimer reported that the committee accepted the letter and made a motion to recommend use of environmentally friendly fertilizer as well as to get the soil tested annually.

**J. Unfinished Business**

Bay Harbor Discussion – McKay reported that the City issued a draft permit to CMS to dispose of CKD leachate at the POTW. CMS considers the draft permit to be a denial due to the extent of conditions required by the City to accept the leachate and due to uncertainty associated with the City continuing to take leachate into the future, especially given the investment. The DNRE will consider the draft permit, CMS' response, and what they consider to be a viable option and make a determination on whether this remains a disposal option. Given that negotiations have been underway for years with no resolution, expect to see movement with onsite direct discharge and the onsite deep injection well. Sanback inquired into the status of the injection well proposal. McKay

informed the committee that the permit application is still administratively incomplete and additional information has been requested from the agencies. Once they get all of the information requested, a draft permit would be written and available for public comment. Simon asked about direct discharge to the Bay and treating the leachate. McKay indicated that treatment is proposed for the Development, but no treatment is proposed for East Park, CMS proposes to dilute the leachate and discharge it to Lake Michigan. Simon mentioned that dilution is unacceptable.

Vouchers/Recycling – The Township needs more vouchers

Inoperable/Dismantled Vehicle Ordinance – No report

Renewable Energy Report – Chair Welsheimer shared that Ag Day had a report on wind farms and there were significant complaints from farmers in Virginia due to noise.

Sanback asked about the recent oil and gas interest in Northern Michigan and if there was any activity in the Township. Clerk Eppler indicated that the companies were not really interested in Resort, but have been extremely interested in Bear Creek.

**K. New Business.**  
None

**L. Announcements.**  
Sanback informed that Walloon Lake Association has been engaging in a swimmer's itch program which focuses on hunting mergansers. The program will likely continue for a few years in order to be successful.

**M. Adjournment.**  
Motion by Sanback Support by Clerk Eppler  
To adjourn the meeting.

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| Ayes | Nays |
| All  | None |

Motion carried.

Meeting adjourned by the Chair at 8:15P.M.

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