

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK
CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
SPECIAL MEETING MINUTES
Tuesday July 25, 2007**

Chairperson Aimee Kay called the meeting to order at 7:00 p.m.

Members Present:

Aimee Kay, Joan Black, Willow Newman, Ron Yahr, Keith Fineberg: 7:02, Ted Rotary: 7:16

Absent:

, Debbie Lewis

Others Present:

None

Short Public Comments: *(three minutes or less)*

Approval of Meeting Agenda: **Tuesday July 25, 2007**

Announcements/Correspondence:

Today's meeting will replace the August 7, 2007 CEAC meeting.

Verbal Reports:

Chairperson: Aimee Kay

Debbie Lewis submitted a letter of resignation from CEAC. Her resignation was accepted. Aimee presented an updated list of members. Correction was made to Ted Rotary's street number (9428 Warner Rd.).

Watershed Representative: Aimee Kay

River Raisin Watershed will be meeting to draft a watershed management plan. It will be put on a CD and distributed to interested entities.

York Township Parks and Recreation Committee Representative: Aimee Kay, Joan Black

Discussion: of information that John Bulmer provided at the July 23, 2007 Planning Commission meeting regarding unauthorized tree removal, of approximately 101 trees, that occurred at Sandra Richardson Park property along the adjacent property line located on the parks eastern property boundary. He indicated that the Parks & Recreation Committee is seeking support from the Planning Commission to recommend amending the zoning ordinance to include protections for local parkland. Mr. Bulmer indicated that they would like to have some protections from commercial activities as well as any new development, at least at the same level as the protections afforded to residentially zoned property.

Keith Fineberg made a MOTION that a letter be written to the board to include the items we discussed. Ron Yahr 2nd. Passed.

Aimee Kay will draft a letter to the Board with the items we discussed to be reviewed by CEAC members. Letter to include:

Our support of the Parks and Rec. Committee regarding a green belt buffer at the east boundary of Sandra Richardson Park

Provide some language for township representatives

Recommend:

Amending Zoning ordinance to require screens and/or buffers for parklands

Question the basic purpose of the landowner

York Township wetlands be protected by ordinance

York Township trees be controlled by ordinance

Joan Black attended the June 6 York Township Parks & Recreations Committee meeting.
Comments:
Parks & Rec. would be interested in having a joint meeting again sometime in the fall.
Widening of Willis Road to 5 lanes will probably inhibit the establishment of the Sandra Richardson Park entrance at that location.
Fred Schettenhelm is in the process of pouring the supports for the Judd Road bridge installation.
Brush will be cleared along the edge of Warner Road to make the parking lot in McCann Park more visible from the road.

Saline River Greenway Association:

None

Pending Business:

New Business:

Suggestions: Future Agenda items, Members Comments:

Discuss the possibility of setting up an outdoor environmental education program.

The next regular meeting of the Charter Township of York Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee will be held Tuesday, September 4, 2007 at 7:00 p.m.

Public Comments: *(five minutes or less)*

Adjournment: Ron Yahr moved to adjourn. Keith Fineberg 2nd. Meeting adjourned at 8:34 p.m.

Proposed Minutes Respectfully Submitted,
Joan Black
Secretary
Citizens Environmental Advisory Committee

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