

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK**  
**York Township Environmental Committee**  
**REGULAR MEETING MINUTES DRAFT**

December 2, 2008

**Call to order - 7:10 p.m.**

**Roll Call of Committee Members Present:** Aimee Kay, Joan Black, Willow Newman, Ron Yahr, Jean Brown

**Absent:** Ted Rotary

**Others Present:** none

**Short Public Comments:** *(three minutes or less)* none

**Adoption of Regular Agenda:** Add MIPN to Pending #8. Joan motions to adopt as amended, Ron seconds, all in favor.

**Approval of Committee Minutes:** Move Pending #5 sentence about recycling guide to Pending #6. Last sentence in Announcements amended to: Mailings went out to rural Townships and many York Township residents participated. Aimee motions to adopt as amended, Ron seconds, all in favor.

**Correspondence:** Kathy Fischer emailed to see what our position is on Earth Day for next year. Frank put Parks and Recreation agenda in our mailbox.

**Verbal Reports:**

**Chairperson: - Aimee Kay:** none

**York Township Parks and Recreation Committee Representative:** none

**Pending Business:**

1. Recruitment of new members: Jean suggests that we wait to put an ad in the Heritage papers until January since December is a busy time for people. Let's consider the Ann Arbor News also. Jean will look into Bulletin Board rates. The City of Saline put a list of committees looking for volunteers in the Saline paper. This is something that York Twp. could also do. Aimee will contact Helen Neill to see if this is something the Township would be interested in doing. Aimee contacted Kevin Deacons and he can't give us his list but he can post our information until we are able to get our own going. Our first email to the community could be regarding our search for new members. Jean will draft an email for this purpose. Ron suggests that we could also advertise in the Tri-County Sportsmen's League newsletter. They have a lot of connections in the community. Aimee is still working on the email address for our committee. We want an email structure where we are emailing one person in a neighborhood and then they forward our email out to their neighborhood. This will help reduce email maintenance and spread out that job. Jean will be working on building this list of names.
2. Twp newsletter: Already went out.
3. YTEC Brochure revisions: Jean's contact will design the brochure only if we have them print the brochure. Table this for now.
4. Clean up days: Willow emailed Jim May at Steven's Disposal letting him know that we are interested in doing this and that Jean Brown will be contacting him about it. Clean up days would be for York Twp. Residents to bring their regular recycling items for free and specialty recyclable items for a small fee shifting the burden of cost off of the Township. This could be useful for those residents who are not participating in the Steven's weekly recycling pickup and prefer to save it up for months and take it in for free. Steven's Disposal, as the preferred vendor, has the right of first

refusal. We could ask Kevin Deacons to possibly help us with manpower. We could also offer shredding which is very popular. The goal would be to do this every 3 months.

5. Recycling guidelines from Steven's: Aimee checked and this is now posted on the Township website.
6. Annual Report: This would consist of a list of accomplishments from the past year and goals for the coming year and maybe a budget(?). Fiscal year ends for the Township in June so we have some time before that is due. Aimee will put together a framework and send it around.
7. Leaf Burning Ordinance: Our Township allows burning of leaves but not trash. You do need a permit for leaf burning. We will review the ordinance and conduct a discussion on any recommendations for change and/or education. Jean will email around her article on leaf burning, Aimee will get exact ordinance for our Township, Joan will contact the extension service to see what information they have and Ron will look for the information that he read about regarding Ypsilanti Township burning ordinance.
8. MIPN (Midwest Invasive Plant Network): Joan found a free brochure and picked up 50 of them. A workshop regarding this would be a great Earth Day event. We will be putting them on display in the front hall of York Twp. Joan will leave them on Louise's desk with a note.

**New Business:**

Earth Day: Need to email community for volunteers, talk to Parks and Rec. regarding their possible commitment, discuss combining Clean Up Days, MIPN workshop and we need to decide on the scale of the event. Aimee will email Kathy Fischer to start things going.

**Suggestions: Future Agenda, Members Comments:**

**Public Comments: (five minutes or less) none**

The next Regular meeting of the York Township Environmental Committee will be held Tuesday January 6, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

**Announcements:**

Joan Alexander suggested Aimee look into inventorying our trees on municipal properties with a free service she knows of in order to receive some sort of acknowledgement for our Township regarding trees. John Farmer has had some park lands done already. Aimee will be in contact with Parks and Rec. regarding this issue. Aimee will try to go to Parks and Rec. meeting tomorrow.

**Adjournment:** Ron motions to adjourn, Joan seconds, all in favor. 8:53pm.

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