

**CHARTER TOWNSHIP OF YORK
CITIZENS ENVIRONMENTAL ADVISORY COMMITTEE
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES**

November 13, 2008

Call to order: 7:15 p.m.

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

Absent: Ron Yahr, Ted Rotary

Others Present: none

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

Announcements: Jean: Ann Arbor is in the public notice stage of adopting a mandatory commercial recycling plan effective in July of 2009 called the Commercial Recycling Ordinance. They will all need the same waste vendor which is controversial. Paper shredding event at Drop Off station was successful. Mailings went out to rural Townships (York and Saline) and many York Twp. residents participated.

Adoption of Regular Agenda: Jean moved, Joan seconded as amended by adding two items to new business and two items to pending business, all in favor.

Approval of Committee Minutes: Meeting time changed to November 13th Thursday 7pm and announcements taken off the beginning and remain at the end. Aimee moves to adopt as amended, Jean seconds, all in favor.

Correspondence: Willow emailed Jim May at Steven's Recycling regarding recycling instructions.

Verbal Reports:

Chairperson: - Aimee Kay none

York Township Parks and Recreation Committee Representative: none

Pending Business:

1. Recruitment of new members: Jean will contact the Heritage papers for advertisement regarding this in the news brief section on the front page (free). Aimee saw a Township advert regarding this under legal notices in the Heritage papers. We need to develop a grassroots neighborhood network for communication in the community preferably using email. We need to collect as many emails by subdivision as well as individuals. Kevin Deacons could be a resource for emails, Aimee will call him. First we need an official email address for mailing out official emails. This should be free and able to check address from home computers. Email can be a no reply address or we can take turns checking the email box or have the email forwarded to one of the member's accounts. Jean suggests the address to be environment@twp-york.org. We could have a one hour workshop before next meeting to specifically work on this item.
2. CEAC name change: This was approved at last board meeting to York Township Environmental Committee.
3. Township newsletter: Aimee will put a paragraph together, get it approved by members and then send it to the Township to be put into the newsletter.
4. CEAC Brochure revisions: Jean has a contact that could design us a nice brochure for around \$100. Jean will ask her boss if we can use the York Township contact list. We can send the brochure as a pdf file if and when we email.
5. Clean up days: Can we implement spring and fall clean up days again? Apparently this is very expensive. Willow will email Jim May at Steven's about clean up day possibilities and what that

would entail and to let him know that Jean Brown, a new member on our committee will be calling him to have a conversation about this (use personal email).

6. Recycling communication to the residents: Aimee received a handout explaining recycling guidelines from Steven's and will send that around to us by email and get that onto the York Twp. website. YTEC will try to get this information to Township residents in several different ways.

New Business:

1. Annual report: We will put this on the next agenda, find out TWP fiscal year end, will help to communicate to the community about our efforts and upcoming plans.
2. Increasing Recycling participation: Tabled to next agenda.
3. Leaf Burning/ Trash burning: Jean wrote an article on leaf burning in the Ann Arbor News that gets published every year. State law forbids burning except for farms, it is not meant for suburban neighborhoods. We can use that article to create a public fact sheet and work on improving the Township burning ordinance.

Suggestions: Future Agenda, Members Comments:

Look at Earth Day pictures and others to pick pictures for the brochure.

Pending: Annual Report

Public Comments: (five minutes or less)

The next Regular meeting of the York Township Environmental Committee will be held Tuesday December 2, 2008 at 7:00 p.m.

Adjournment:

Aimee moves to adjourn at 8:56pm and Joan seconds, all in favor.

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