

**MINUTES
ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

MARCH 12, 2015

Chairman Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Neil Herzberg, Harry Thielen, Duane Olmscheid, Mike Jensen, Chad Woelfel, and Brandon Michaelis. Also present were Advisory Members Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Don Williamson, West Central Sanitation. Absent were Urban Fuchs and Chuck Koshiol.

Motion was made by Jensen to approve the minutes of the April 3, 2014 Environmental Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Thielen and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Olmscheid to elect the following officers:

Chairperson – Bev Aas

Vice Chairperson – Neil Herzberg

Secretary – Ron Mergen

Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by Herzberg to set the meeting dates for the second Thursday in March and the first Thursday in April at 6:00 p.m. Seconded by Aas and unanimously carried.

SPRING CLEAN UP & HHW COLLECTION

The date for the cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 25, 2015 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Members reviewed the flyer and pricing on each category and items with the following changes:

\$4.00 per car tire \$9.00 with rim
\$5.00 light truck \$10.00 with rim
\$57.00 tractor tire
\$20.00 TV's
\$25.00 console TV's

Williamson has contacted A & A recycling and confirmed that they will be at the cleanup; the price for appliances will be \$7.00 per appliance. The ROSE center will assist the handicapped and senior citizens with bringing items to the cleanup. Bank of the West is sponsoring the shedding contract in the amount of \$450.00. Flyers will be updated and ready to distribute at the next meeting. The HHW flyer was reviewed and no changes were necessary.

CURBSIDE SCAVENGING

The poster was reviewed with the scavenging dates to be Friday April 17, 2015 to Sunday April 19, 2015.

COMPOST SITE

ROSE Center Compost Site Fee Waiver Request

The ROSE Center provides lawn services and transports the leaves, brush, and grass to the Compost Site for senior citizens and handicapped residents. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Thielen to waive the Compost Site \$200.00 fee for the ROSE Center and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.

Paynesville Area Schools Compost Site Fee Waiver Request

The current fee structure is \$10.00 per resident, open to the resident during the regular staffed hours or a commercial permit for \$200.00 which gives them a key and they can utilize the site any time. Members discussed the request and commented that if the City grants this request the City will have a list of civic organizations asking to have the commercial fee waived. A special rate for non-profits was discussed. Members noted that the funds are a pass through to the Hockey Association and the Township and City are committed to cover the short fall.

Motion was made by Thielen to not waive the Compost Site fee waiver request from the Paynesville Area School and to keep the fee schedule as is; \$10.00 for residential and \$200.00 for commercial. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.

Agreement

The Agreement was reviewed with one addition under the Hockey Association's responsibility. The Association will flood and maintain the outdoor ice rink as this is a service the Hockey Association is already providing. The Hockey Association will again man the Compost Site for \$6,500.00. If the permit fees collected don't reach the \$6,500.00; the City and Township will make up the difference at a 62%:38% cost split respectively. The Compost will again be open on Mondays in May, June and October which seemed to be very popular last year.

Motion was made by Aas to approve the Agreement between the City of Paynesville, Paynesville Township, and the Hockey Association for the Compost Site and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Michaelis and unanimously carried.

TOWNSHIP OIL DEPOT

Thielen presented the Oil Depot Report. Since 2003 the site has taken in a total of 46,207 gallons of oil, 1,104 gallons of antifreeze, and 11 ½ barrels of used oil filters.

CURB SIDE LEAF PICKUP

Mergen reported that the County Sentence To Serve (STS) crew has opened the bags in the past. The County is now charging for this service. Members discussed options; it was requested to table this until the April meeting.

SURVEY – CAMPFIRE & WOOD BURNING

The survey that was conducted regarding campfires/wood burners was reviewed. Outdoor wood burners were noted as having the potential for being problematic and that the City should regulate these. It was suggested to have an ordinance drafted for review at the next meeting.

NEXT MEETING

The next meeting will be held on Thursday, April 9, 2015.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 7:10 p.m.