

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE

MARCH 14, 2013

Chairman Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Gene Beavers, Harry Thielen, Mike Jensen, Dick Michaelis, and Brian Jones. Advisory Member Ron Mergen and Don Williamson were also present. Urban Fuchs, Duane Olmscheid, and Wilfred Butkofski were absent.

Motion was made by Jensen to approve the minutes from the April 5, 2012 Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Michaelis and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Michaelis to elect Aas as Chair, Jones as Vice Chair, and Mergen as Secretary. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

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

SPRING CLEAN UP/HHW COLLECTION

The cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2013 from 8:00 to 11:00 a.m. at the High School. Members reviewed the clean up flyer and pricing on each category and item. It was noted that A & A recycling is again advertising free appliance recycling. Williamson will contact them and request that they pick up appliances at the clean up for free also. Mergen will check with the ROSE center on assisting the disabled. All prices will remain the same. It was noted that Shred-It no longer goes out to a site for pick up; therefore, the past company will not be at the pickup. It was questioned if there is a different company that would provide this service. Mergen will check with Bank of the West. Flyers will be updated and be ready to distribute at the next meeting. The household hazardous waste flyer was reviewed with no changes.

CURBSIDE SCAVENGING

The curbside scavenging poster was also reviewed. The dates will be Friday April 19th to Sunday April 21nd.

COMPOST SITE

The 2012 compost site report was reviewed. Several residents never paid the compost site usage fee. It was suggested that the names be posted in the book and when they come through the fee be collected.

The agreement was reviewed including the fee of \$10.00 per resident and \$100.00 per business for an annual compost site permit. The Hockey Association will staff the facility for a donation of \$6,000.00. If the fees don't equal \$6,000.00 the City and Township will make up the difference at a 62%:38% cost split respectively. After a short discussion,

Motion was made by Jensen to approve the Agreement and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Michaelis and unanimously carried.

Tree planting at compost site was discussed and a map of the compost site was reviewed. There is an area along the State right of way where several rows of trees could be planted (20-30 trees total). The largest expense will be preparation of the soil as it's compacted due to the construction activities. Thielen noted that the Township may participate with the cost. Jones mentioned that he would provide the equipment.

Motion was made by Jones to put an estimated cost together for tree planting and site preparation. Seconded by Aas and unanimously carried.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned 6:40 p.m.