

MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD

MARCH 14, 2019

Chairperson, Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Steve Lehmkuhl, Mike Jensen, Alicia LaBeau, Chuck Koshiol, and Brandon Michaelis. Also present were advisory members Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Don Williamson, West Central Sanitation. Duane Olmscheid was absent.

Motion was made by LaBeau to approve the minutes of the April 5, 2018 Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.

ELECTION OF OFFICERS

Motion was made by Jensen to elect the following officers:

Chairperson – Bev Aas

Vice Chairperson – Alicia LaBeau

Secretary – Ron Mergen

Seconded by Lehmkuhl and unanimously carried.

MEETING SCHEDULE

Motion was made by LaBeau 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 spring cleanup is scheduled for Saturday April 27, 2019 from 8:00 – 11:00 a.m. The site has been confirmed with the school. Members reviewed the flyer and pricing on each category and the items. Tires, computes, TV's, appliances, general garbage and mattress and box springs will all remained the same price. Staff has confirmed that the ROSE Center will assist senior citizens and handicapped individuals with bringing items to the cleanup.

Members were informed that Stearns County will not have a mobile household hazardous waste unit at collection this year, due to a Minnesota OSHA requirement of a shower needing to be on site. Members all agreed that we need to move forward with the cleanup and inform residents that the HHW collection will need to be taken directly to the Waite Park Facility.

It was noted that the Credit Union will sponsor the cleanup day shredding service.

CURBSIDE SCAVENGING

Members discussed Scavenger Days and noted that as long as the only cost to the City is the advertising the City should continue the event.

COMPOST SITE

A report on the compost operation was given. The brush at the site was chipped last year and hoping to work with Rotochopper again this year.

Eden Lake Township has requested to utilize the site and in return give a \$250.00 donation toward the maintenance of the site. The City Council has reviewed this and approved the request.

MEMBER VACANCY

The current nine member board has two vacancies. It was suggested to reduce the Board to a seven member board. Members felt it should stay with a nine member board and keep looking for new members.

PERMITTED OPEN BURNING

Koshiol indicted he feels strongly that the City needs to take it to the next level and eliminate all fires within the City limits. The reasoning is the smoke pollution from the fire pits is detrimental to people's health, especially people with asthma. The City's ordinance will be on the next agenda for review.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:50 p.m.