

## **MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE**

**APRIL 3, 2014**

Chairman Bev Aas called the meeting to order at 6:00 p.m. Members present were Gene Beavers, Harry Thielen, Duane Olmscheid, Mike Jensen, Brandon Michaelis, and Chuck Koshiol. Also present were Ron Mergen and Don Williamson. Absent were Urban Fuchs and Tami Stanger.

**Motion was made by Jensen to approve the minutes of the April 4, 2013 Environmental Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Thielen and unanimously carried.**

### **ELECTION OF OFFICERS**

**Motion was made by Jensen to elect the following officers:**

**Chairperson – Bev Aas**

**Vice Chairperson – Gene Beavers**

**Secretary – Ron Mergen**

**Seconded by Herzberg and unanimously carried.**

### **MEETING SCHEDULE**

**Motion was made by Michaelis 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 26, 2014 from 8:00 a.m. to 11:00 a.m. Members reviewed the flyer and pricing on each category and item. Williamson has contacted A & A recycling and confirmed that they will be at the cleanup. The ROSE center will again assist the elderly and/or handicapped. All prices will remain the same. West Central Shredding will be on site and they are sponsored by Bank of the West. Flyers have been updated and were distributed to members to post. The flyers will be in the Press Plus on April 13, 2014. The HHW Collection flyer was reviewed, no corrections were noted.

### **CURBSIDE SCAVENGING**

The poster was reviewed with the scavenging dates to be Friday April 11, 2014 to Sunday April 13, 2014.

### **COMPOST SITE**

The 2013 Compost Site Report was reviewed. An increase in the commercial user fee was noted from \$100.00 to \$200.00, this is due to the large amounts of material the commercial users bring in. The Agreement was reviewed noting the fee of \$10.00 per resident and \$200.00 per business for an annual permit. The Hockey Association will operate the facility for

a donation of \$6,500.00. If the fees collected don't reach \$6,500.00 the City and Township will make up the difference at a 62%:38% cost split respectively. The most requested improvement was to have an additional day, so the site will now be open in addition to its normal times on Mondays in May, June, and October. It was also noted the Hockey Association is responsible for flooding the outdoor ice rink.

### **TWP OIL DEPOT**

Thielen presented the Oil Depot Report; since 2003 has taken in a total of 43,077 gallons of oil, 1,029 gallons of antifreeze, and 103 barrels of used oil filters.

### **REFUSE ORDINANCE**

Subd. 1 Definitions - this section is recommended to be changed to be consistent with the agreement between the City and West Central Sanitation.

Subd. 9 Refuse collection service defined. The recommended change is that the owners of rental property shall be entitled to set the size of the tenant's carts and shall be responsible for charges. The existing ordinance states the owners of rental property are responsible for charges made for refuse collection. The reasoning for the change was discussed noting that a renter called for a dumpster and then left the owner with the bill.

Discussion points included:

1. This change does nothing to address the dumpsters; the property owners are ultimately responsible.
2. Members discussed that some land lords would give the renter the cheapest service available that may leave garbage piling up in the house, garage or basement. It was noted the City needs to encourage garbage service.
3. It was discussed that anything larger than a cart must be ordered by a land lord not the renter. It was asked how is the contractor to know if it is the owner or renter.
4. It was questioned if this is really enough of a problem to justify a change. Williamson replied this was the first time in 20 years.
5. Williamson stated what they are now doing is for customers with no credit history they are charging an up-front deposit.

**Motion was made by Beavers to change Subd. 1 Definitions and recommend such to the City Council. Seconded by Olmscheid and unanimously carried.**

There were no recommended changes to Subd. 9

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