

## **MINUTES ENVIRONMENTAL BOARD**

**APRIL 4, 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 Duane Olmscheid. Also present were advisory members Ron Mergen, Public Works Director; and Don Williamson, West Central Sanitation. Brandon Michaelis was absent.

**Motion was made by LaBeau to approve the minutes of the March 14, 2019 Environmental Committee meeting. Seconded by Jensen and unanimously carried.**

### **SPRING CLEANUP**

The date for the cleanup is Saturday April 27, 2019 from 8:00 a.m. – 11:00 a.m. The site has been confirmed with the school. Flyers were distributed and pricing on each category and items were reviewed. Tires, computers, TV's, appliances, general garbage, mattress and box spring prices all remained the same. The ROSE Center will assist the handicapped with bringing items to the cleanup. The Credit Union will sponsor the cleanup day shredding services.

Members were informed the County has reconsidered their options and will now be present for the cleanup with several procedural changes including:

1. Any unknown corrosive will need to be separated and bagged.
2. Any leaking material will need to be brought to the Waite Park facility.
3. Any corrosive material in containers over 1 gallon will not be accepted.

The County is also asking for three volunteers.

### **SCAVENGER DAYS**

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

### **COMPOST SITE**

Mergen reported that the compost site will be open this weekend for operation, weather permitting.

### **MEMBER VACANCY**

It was reported that this is a nine-member board with two vacancies. Two names that were discussed as potential candidates; Gerry Mehr and Richard Lang.

### **OPEN BURNING**

The ordinance was briefly reviewed, noting this is the standard language for most communities in the state.

Koshiol reiterated on how strongly he feels that the Board needs to take it to the next level and eliminate all fires within the City limits. The reason being the smoke pollution from the fire pits is detrimental to people's health, especially people with asthma. Members discussed that recreational fires are common everywhere and have been around for ages. Koshiol questioned bringing it to a vote. LaBeau stated she would write an article and work with Koshiol on getting it published.

There being no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:45 p.m.