

Minutes
Environmental Advisory Board
21 October 2020
Via Zoom

The Environmental Board met on 21 October 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Attendees were Susan MiHalo, Jim Biancotti, Vicky Albritton, Sue Adams, Kristine Sandrick, and John Morris.

Sue moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 16 September 2020. Vicky seconded. The motion carried.

For a replacement for Chelsea Overholt, Jim suggested Peggy Berbesque. Susan suggested that she call her and discuss how she might contribute.

For monitoring Arcelor Mittal, Susan's letter prepared for the Town Council was discussed. Sue had a few changes, particularly in the paragraph concerning the takeover of the mill by Cleveland Cliffs. Kristine also had some edits for readability. Susan was concerned that regular contact with IDEM had fallen off since Scott Lehmann was no longer President of the Town Council. Continuing to monitor actions at the mill, John will use the IDEM virtual file cabinet, and Vicky will examine the IDEM web page.

The NWI Region Resilience is a greenhouse gas monitoring project run by the Indiana University Resilience Cohort. To join in this effort, the town would need to contribute \$3000 and receive an intern, who would need to meet with a volunteer from the town approximately 5 to 10 hours per month, to inventory all energy usage and greenhouse gas producing activities, with a goal of making recommendations for reductions and likely cost savings. After discussion, the thought was we were not a large enough community to get full value for the money.

Regarding the standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the Town, Kristine has Mark Juszczak's comments, and is ready to finalize them. Jim contributed the link

to the work schedule. This is: <https://www.portercountyrecycling.org/compost-sites/>. They should be finalized in time for the next Town Council meeting.

Jim has not had any contact with the Septic System Coordination Workgroup.

Beach monitoring is wrapped up for the summer. Karen Berrier completed 40 sanitary surveys over the summer. There is a beach managers' meeting next week.

For the Lighting Task Force, an LED has been installed on Cedar Trail up the hill from Shore Drive. Going uphill, it is difficult to look at, and may be a 4000K. Sue will get in contact with Rick Kalinsky of NIPSCO.

There is nothing new for the MS4 exemption.

Regarding recycling, Mark Juszcak posted the county hazardous waste collection days. Kristine tried to contact Jim Metros of Republic to see what is being accepted for recycling, but found that it is taking up to 3 weeks to get a reply. It now seems that recyclables must be clean and dry.

In Long Lake Marsh, what invasives Susan sprayed last month were killed.

A meeting will be held on 18 November 2020.

Sue moved to adjourn, and Kristine seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:25 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.