

**Minutes
Environmental Advisory Board
September 11, 2013
Ogden Dunes Town Hall**

The Environmental Board met on 11 September 2013 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were Sue MiHalo, Sharon Guy, John Morris, Bob Cattani, Judy Mollway, Tom Clouser, and Jim Biancotti (guest).

Sue made mention that Randi Light is retiring from the board, and she expressed thanks for her years of service.

Judy moved to accept the minutes of the last official meeting of the Environmental Board, for 10 July 2013, and Sharon seconded. The motion carried.

The beach cleanup will be Saturday, 21 September 2103, participating in the International Costal Cleanup, or Adopt-a-Beach. Sue will be at accessway 14 at 8:00 am. John, Judy and Sharon should show by 8:15 am. The cleanup will proceed until noon. From the training meeting with the Alliance for the Great Lakes on 5 September, attended by Sue and John, we have eight tickets to Brookfield Zoo that can be given to participants entered in a drawing. Judy will contact Judy Stiles to add a line to the notice for the town cleanup on the weekend of the 28th mentioning the beach cleanup. Sharon will see to the mounting of the banner this weekend. Sharon will also use a notice to create a slide for the local access cable channel. Gerry Lehmann agreed to assist with the water quality sample and the forms. Judy will contribute clipboards and John a table. Be sure the waste is weighed.

The MS4 permit exemption still needs clarification. Tom found four boxes in the town hall storeroom that may contain documentation about the last waiver. Sharon will help him search them.

Sharon and Paul Panther will attend the Septic System Coordination Work Group meeting to be held on 16 September 2013 at Purdue Calumet. It is important to have a person present with a septic system. One proposal is to provide location data for all septic systems. Another is to add septic information to realtor forms so buyers are not searching for their system.

Regarding recycling, Judy has not had a return call from Norm at Republic Services. Tom indicated that he had better phone numbers to contact that company, and would pass those on to Judy. Also, regarding the waste at the town cleanup, the county has not returned her or Jim Matheys's calls. It was recommended that the waste collected be stored more appropriately, preferably in a shelter.

Sue will ask Eric Kurtz for a controlled burn of Long Lake Marsh in November. Also, through her work at the Nature Conservancy, she will pursue certification for pesticide application, to be used in combating invasive plants.

Next month the board will participate in a presentation by the Beautification Committee about deer resistant plants. We will add some information about invasive species *not* to plant. Judy will assist Sue with this.

A request to accept Jim as a new member of the board was greeted with unanimous approval.

At 6:40 pm, John moved to adjourn, and Bob seconded. Motion carried.

Submitted by John Morris