

Minutes
Ogden Dunes Environmental Advisory Board
January 16, 2013

Members Present: Susan MiHalo, Bob Cattani, John Morris and Tom Clouser

John moved to accept minutes, Bob seconded. The motion carried.

Susan reminded the ODEAB that 48 hrs notice needed for public notification. Bob Cattani volunteered to be the Public Notification Officer and will make sure postings are made on time.

Susan informed the group that Sharon and Judy are going to be looking for recycling strategies.

A question was asked about whether or not the recycling was weighed at the transfer station in Chesterton and do they weigh it right away or is it sorted before weighing. Need to understand the process better. Maybe arrange a tour of the materials recycling facility in Homewood through Able?

Sharon left a message with Susan indicating that she thinks the "what can be recycled" list should be modified and that we should work on getting people to concentrate on just a few things like paper, plastic and glass.

Susan mentioned that there is an animated video about a materials recycling facility and how it works. Maybe we need to put it on the local cable channel. Need to emphasize to people not to put their recycling into any plastic bags and to not recycle plastic bags through their recycling. Take them to the stores instead or bring your own reusable bag.

Regarding septic system education, the group really liked the brochure John found on the internet and supports the option of putting it in the mailboxes. Need to find out the cost. We also need a plan. Would this be distributed as part of a septic awareness campaign? Do we plan to have a "septic awareness week."

Susan indicated that unfortunately Indiana American Water cannot do the water quality testing for the beach because their instruments don't provide numbers, which are required for the monitoring. For instance, they could not tell us that the E. coli was above or below the EPA standard of 235 colonies per 200ml of water. IDEM will get back to the ODEAB soon to let them know how many days will be monitored, etc., based on the funding available. The predictive model may also be at risk of not being funded.

A question was asked about whether or not Judy will handle e-waste and the batteries again.

Susan will get ahold of Eric Kurtz about doing a spring burn of Long Lake Marsh and the road shoulder. If we can't do a burn, we will need to use some of the ODEAB budget to pay someone to mow or weed whack the area again.

A question was asked about whether or not Randi is still recycling the cell phones.

The meeting adjourned at 6:30 p.m.