

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Board

11 March 2015

Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 11 March 2015 at 4:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were Bob Cattani, John Morris, Judy Mollway, Tom Clouser, and Paul Panther, with Susan Adams visiting. Bob directed the meeting in Sue MiHalo's absence.

Bob extended a welcome to Susan Adams, who is considering joining the board.

John moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 14 January 2015, and Judy seconded. The motion carried.

Gypsy moths were the subject of a meeting on 4 February by the Indiana DNR, attended by Jim Biancotti. While pheromone traps have been in use in the town in past years, there is a plan to spray pheromone sometime in June. There was some concern about the risks from this spraying, either through inhalation or dermal exposure from the pheromone itself or any carrier. A suggestion was made to invite Kallie Bontrager to speak at the May Town Council meeting. Judy so moved, and John seconded. The motion carried. It was also suggested that Jenifer Krismanic make a video of such a presentation to post on the town website.

Regarding the high speed rail EIS, there has been no comment from US EPA. NPS is upset with the plan, because it would take 400 to 600 acres of parkland.

There is no update on the MS4 exemption. Jim Biancotti attended a meeting of the septic task force on 19 February, but a presentation on advanced treatment systems was cancelled due to bad weather.

For recycling, Judy is putting a "Message of the Month" on the town website. She also is returning the grant for the children's education program she planned due to lack of registrants. The town cleanup weekend will be near the end of April. No household hazardous waste pickup will be part of this cleanup. Also, the response from the residents was strong to keep weekly recycling, so that is part of the new contract.

Sue will want to schedule a cleanup at Long Lake Marsh at the end of March or early April. The board is leaving selection of a date to Sue.

The beach testing grant is ready to present to the town council. New contracts with Polly Costanza and Karen Berrier will be signed. The testing will be 5 days per week.

Susan Adams wanted to know about the neighboring industries. It was noted that revisiting those was part of the goals for the year. Susan had had contacts with some of the industries in the past, so we may rely on some of those contacts.

The oil train rules are awaiting the final rule expected in May.

Nothing new on batteries or cell phones.

John moved to adjourn, Judy seconded, and the motion was approved at 6:03 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.