

Minutes
Environmental Advisory Board
15 July 2020
Via Zoom

The Environmental Board met on 15 July 2020 at 5:30 pm via Zoom. Attendees were Susan MiHalo, Jim Biancotti, Vicky Albritton, Sue Adams, and John Morris.

Vicky moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 17 June 2020. Sue seconded. The motion carried.

The board still needs to find a replacement for Chelsea Overholt. Tom Davenport was mentioned again, but no one has contacted anybody.

Beach water monitoring is proceeding well. One measurement was quite high, but may have been a sampling error. Carson may not have gone out far enough.

John found reports for Arcelor Mittal showing that the whole effluent toxicity (WET) tests passed for the acute test, but failed the chronic test. There was some explanation of what the test measures, in that it is not specific to a given analyte, but measures mortality of invertebrates when exposed to the effluent. Jim said that when he worked for US Steel, his results were always in compliance. The key is that, per the permit, the facility is required to submit a plan of action in 90 days. We shall need to monitor the virtual file cabinet for such a plan.

Susan has not been contacted for the deposition she has been requested to give in the discovery portion of the ELPC suit for the April 2019 spill at Arcelor Mittal.

The standard operating procedures (SOPs) for the Town were reviewed. The waste oil SOP was jettisoned, as it was thought the Town employees didn't change oil themselves. Jim had reviewed the municipal recycling SOP, and shown it to Mark Juszczak for comment. Some cosmetic changes were made in the course of the meeting, but the Measure of Success section was removed, as that was a remnant of the Town's brief tenure in the Clean Cited Program. Also, the

county compost site hours or accepting electronic waste were replaced with a link to the appropriate web page, as these times may change. The compost SOP was reviewed, but Kristine was the one who was to have verified changes with Mark Juszcak, and she was absent. Susan will contact Kristine to check progress.

Jim has had no contact with the Septic System Coordination Workgroup, and leadership changed. It was suggested that the Town map the septic systems of the residents on their own.

For the Lighting Task Force, Kristine had posted a request for comments on Facebook, but few of those received were useful.

There is nothing new for the MS4 exemption.

The main question about residential recycling and the totes at the beach was what to do about firework waste being put in recycling totes. Additional trash totes may be needed for such an event as 4 July.

Long Lake marsh may require some treatment of invasives.

Beach trash has been atrocious, some think due to outsiders visiting our beach and West Beach. If a group is looking for a community service project, beach cleanup would be useful. Check current placement of water quality signs, as accessway 18 is the only one open.

An August meeting will take place if needed.

Sue moved to adjourn, and Jim seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.