

Unofficial Notes
Ogden Dunes Environmental Advisory Board
August 14, 2013
Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 14 August 2013 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. A quorum was not reached therefore no actions could be taken. Attendees were Sue MiHalo, Sharon Guy, John Morris, and Tom Clouser.

Randi Light had requested that she be allowed to leave the board. Sharon will contact Jim Biancotti to ask him to join and replace Randi.

Tom recapitulated the meeting of the Septic System Coordination Work Group he attended on 1 August. Dorreen Carey of LMCP ran the meeting. In this area, inspection is required only in the case of foreclosure. Allen County has a disclosure form for all sales of properties with septic systems, and is apparently the only county to have such. This was put forward as a model. A list of education and outreach methods were presented and our septic awareness week activities seem to have met many of these. Having another meeting was proposed, but the date has not been determined. Sharon may be our representative for future meetings.

The 22 July 2013 letter from IDEM concerning Municipal Separate Storm Sewer Systems (MS4s) was the next item discussed. In 2003 the town applied for a waiver under MS4, but according to the 2010 census, we are within an urbanized area, so the old waiver is no longer valid. In order to determine how to request a new waiver, we would need to find the old one. Carrie Hamilton, who prepared the old one, is now in Indianapolis. Sue is trying to contact her. A search of the files is complicated by the purge of old files done recently. How this rule would apply to the town is uncertain because there is no conveyance for stormwater. Runoff from paved surfaces is the primary stormwater source into waterbodies.

A question was raised by Sharon whether a permit is needed for a well for watering garden.

Sue is planning to contact John Olsen to spray to control purple loostrike and to be cutting and spraying this coming Saturday. All who wish to help are welcome.

The ODEAB will present at the Beautification Committee's workshop on deer resistant plants when it is held. Susan agreed to present on invasives that should not be planted.

The meeting adjourned at 6:40 pm.