

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Board

8 April 2015

Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 8 April 2015 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were Sue MiHalo, Bob Cattani, John Morris, Susan Adams, Tom Clouser, and Paul Panther.

Susan Adams, who has just joined the board, wished to clarify some misunderstandings she found in past minutes. She is a retired law professor, but not of environmental law, although she studied it. She is not currently practicing law, although she remains a member of two state bars.

Bob moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 11 March 2015, and Susan Adams seconded. The motion carried.

The beach grant still needs signoff from IDEM. The payment to the person (Karen Berrier) doing data analysis and signage may be less, limited by funds available. A replacement for the sampling position is needed for the weekday samplings, as Polly Costanza can only work weekends. Polly had suggested Jerry Savel. Susan Adams proposed Ursula Henkel. Sue would need to interview them, perhaps prepare a job description, and the person chosen would need to be trained. The weekday sampling would be Wednesday, Thursday, and Friday, with Mondays only for Memorial Day and Labor Day.

Regarding the high speed rail EIS, the preferred plan seems to be route 5, which passes through Portage, likely at the insistence of NPS. Lake County still has issues with sensitive areas with the choice of this route.

There is no update on the MS4 exemption. There is no report on the septic task force or recycling, either.

Sue has scheduled a cleanup at Long Lake Marsh on 11 April. She needs someone to operate the brush cutter.

The oil train rules are awaiting the final rule expected in May. Tom noted that Canada is expecting to finalize its rule by the end of April. It was suggested that someone examine the NTSB website to see if they have recommendations.

There is nothing new on batteries or cell phones. It was proposed that the cell phone box be closed. Perhaps when Judy or Jim is available, they may have a suggestion for its use.

Susan asked about industries to the east of us, but it was decided to make assignments when Jim returns.

Kallie Bontrager will give a gypsy moth presentation to the Town Council at the 4 May meeting concerning the spraying of pheromone planned for June.

Bob moved to adjourn, John seconded, and the motion was approved at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.