

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Board

21 October 2015

Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 21 October 2015 at 5:30 pm at Town Hall. Attendees were Sue MiHalo, John Morris, Kristine Sandrick, and Tom Clouser.

Because a quorum of members were not present, the minutes for the previous meeting could not be approved.

For the MS4 exemption, Sue was able to scan the document and give a .pdf to Jim Biancotti so that updates can be made.

The Adopt-a-Beach cleanup was held on 19 September, and the participation was higher than last year, at 17 participants, and about twice as much garbage was collected. Also, less beach was available, as waves were high. There was some discussion about moving the date from the international September date to earlier in the summer.

There was nothing to be said about septic task force or septic awareness week, except that Sue put some pictures up.

Recycling averages 29%, but there was a falloff to 16% in July. There was discussion about possible causes and education concerning what can and can't be put in the yellow bins. Kristine volunteered to follow up, and Sue gave her Carrie Hamilton's number at the Indiana Recycling Coalition.

In Long Lake Marsh, John Olsen sprayed the phragmites, but the loostrife and tree of heaven are still of concern.

Sue said the beach testing grant will be ready for the Town Council to approve. Karen Berrier has offered to manage the grant as well as the data and signage. Someone else for the weekday testing will be needed. If there is a bad result from a Sunday sample, there is an option to resample before Wednesday, so the red or yellow sign need not stay up longer than needed. Sue appreciates all the effort that Polly Costanza and Karen have made this year.

There is nothing new on crude oil trains, although the newspaper story about rail spreading was appreciated.

Tom met with NIPSCO about street lighting, and there will be a new one at The Ledge and Hillcrest, which should have the right cover to direct it down. He is still doing an inventory of all the 89 lights the Town is paying for.

Regarding or neighbors to the east, there was a report of a horrific noise, which Jim proposed was a new cogeneration station.

The meeting closed at 6:30 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.