

Minutes
Environmental Advisory Board
12 June 2019
Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 12 June 2019 at 5:30 pm at the Ogden Dunes Town Hall. Attendees were, Susan MiHalo, Sue Adams, Vicky Albritton, and John Morris. Anne Muntean was present as a guest.

Sue moved to accept the minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 17 April 2019. Vicky seconded. The motion carried.

Anne Muntean was introduced as the Town's clean water ambassador. The program is a part of Indiana DNR, and concerns interacting with the community concerning septic systems. She provided materials about maintaining septic systems that she gave to the town to distribute to new residents. She had a table at the Memorial Day picnic, and described some interactions with residents there. Over the year, she needs to have four such events, including one coinciding with our septic awareness week in September. She will put a link on the town's Facebook page, and will attend the Septic System Coordination Workgroup meetings.

The Complaint and Consent Decree for Arcelor Mittal was discussed. Susan is preparing a letter, but asked, "What is the purpose of the letter?" The consensus was that the purpose is to show that we are vigilant and paying attention to what happens in our backyard. There was concern that when the violations of opacity occurred, the scrubbers were turned off. There was also comment that violation occurred on off hours, on weekends, or at night. If new technology is being used to improve production, does this entail new source review? This would affect the permit. The penalty appeared too small compared to other consent decrees people were familiar with. Susan suggested that since East Chicago was getting a SEP, that one for our town could be provided to give air monitoring on the east side of town to include not only ozone and PM_{2.5}, but possibly chemical analysis as well, at least for metals. Also, concerns were magnified with the surrounding area being upgraded to a National Park. Susan will prepare the letter for submission next week.

The 28 September workshop will cover septic systems and residential lighting. No changes were made.

The Lighting Task Force item has been taken care of in that spotlight on the flag over Town Hall has been shielded. Sue has not had an opportunity to check it.

Recycling guidance flyers possibly need to be updated, as the types of things accepted by Republic are changing.

The beach water monitoring is going well. There has been one closure, and an advisory. Carson Costanza will be gone the week of 4th of July, but Jerry Savel will cover that week.

There is no news on the MS4 exemption.

Long Lake Marsh has a goose problem, and the attempt to mitigate it was a failure. The geese ignored the items intended to deter them.

There is not enough beach to justify the sand cleaner that was proposed, so Nancy Johnson wanted the Community Fund to provide money (\$1000) to hire teenagers to rake the beach multiple time during the summer. She wanted the ODEAB to manage these teenagers. There was no enthusiasm to oversee this work, as it would be undone easily by one storm.

Vicky moved to adjourn and Sue seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:55 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.