

Minutes

Environmental Advisory Board

16 May 2018

Ogden Dunes Town Hall

The Environmental Board met on 16 May 2018 at 5:30 pm at the Ogden Dunes Town Hall. Attendees were, Susan MiHalo, Jim Biancotti, Kristine Sandrick, Doug Cannon, and John Morris.

The minutes of the last meeting of the Environmental Board, for 11 April 2018 were not voted on, since only two of the attendees for that meeting were present.

Kristine, in reporting on the work of the Lighting Task Force, said that the grant for the education flyer was turned down by the Grants Committee. She also said that it had been proposed to meet on an *ad hoc* basis, rather than monthly. Meanwhile, Kristine will work on the flyer, and figure out how to pay for it. Susan said that changing behavior was difficult, and that it took the Bells in Beverly Shores two years to get the town to buy in. She said that Sue Adams did finally get in writing, two and a half weeks ago, from Calinski of NIPSCO, that the 3000 K lights will be used in town.

The Midwest Steel consent decree was reviewed. Susan has set up a public meeting for 7:00 pm on 23 May at the Firehouse. Those of us attending should prepare to answer questions. Save the Dunes will prepare a FAQ sheet. One key item is to let the public know how to submit a comment. A comment sharing file has been set up at www.box.com. Jim made some comments, wondering if the civil penalties were stiff enough. There was nothing about reimbursement for costs incurred by any other entities besides Federal and State. The new containment in case of failure of the line to the hexavalent chromium treatment was an improvement. The requirement to notify affected parties within 24 hours was seen as too lenient. When Jim worked there, a water violation required notification in 15 minutes. The contact information in Appendix B needs to be corrected with titles of persons, as these may change. The terms of the consent decree covering 24 months was seen as too brief. The specified training as biannual, was also insufficient. Annual or semiannual training is needed. The standard operating procedures should be reviewed annually. Susan, in talking to the Surfriders and the law clinic, gets the impression they just want to gather all the water quality data for review, and not call for a remediation project. She says paying for beach nourishment with clean sand would be appropriate.

The NICTD double tracking plan is waiting for their findings of no significant findings.

Beach cleanup will be done again this year.

The beach grant has not yet been signed by the State. This is needed before all of our contracts can be signed.

The MS4 exemption is awaiting the conversion of the existing file to Word.

Jim says the Septic System Coordination Workgroup is not sending emails to him, so their meetings may have changed.

There is nothing new on recycling, or the water plant backflush lagoon closure. Kristine volunteered to look for the closure plan in the IDEM virtual file cabinet.

Susan also mentioned again partnering with the Historical Society on the Great Lakes film, *Making Waves*. She is not certain people would want to sit through 2 hours.

John moved to adjourn and Kristine seconded. The motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 6:20 pm.

Submitted by John Morris.