

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

November 12, 2014

Present: Francis Bell, Deborah Cardiff, Pat Crowley, Richard Ford, David Harn, Daniel Moyle, Andrew Nieboer, Jeff Sorensen, Jim Pearson, Erich Zinser, Andrew Neiboer,

Absent: John Taylor, Jeff Sorensen, John O'Keefe

Environmental Health: Vern Johnson, Heather Bishop, Jennifer Kosak, Hope Stanley

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions	Jennifer is the new HHW Manager; Hope Stanley is a new EHS with LWW Staff. Andrew has moved from VML to WMU. Membership renewals for Fran, Pat and David to EHAC were accepted.		
2. Approval of Minutes	Minutes for August 13, 2014 were approved (Dan, Fran)	None	
3. Schedule for 2015	Jan 14 AT HHW; April 8, Aug 12 and Nov 11. Otherwise conf room D @ 3299 Gull Road	Gracie to remind us re Jan14 HHW	
4. Citizen Comments	No citizen presented.		
5. EH Program Updates	<p>1) 1 vacancy to fill: Sr EH specialist. 2nd round. Just hired EH specialist. Does well, septic, permitting.</p> <p>2) KL Landfill Groundwater Restricted Use Zone. County is a PRP. 2004 preliminary request. 2014 formal request. Restricted Zone Area= >Grdwater exceedances of MI criteria plus 1000' buffer. 95% properties already have wtr and res well plugged. Appeal for continued uses to MDEQ. Formal request to be reviewed by county appointed consultant. This will be the 3rd one in co history.</p> <p>3) County has notified Local Units that Household Hazardous Waste facility will be CLOSED on Saturdays. This leaves only one hour a week outside 8-5 working hours. Though program is a success, Kalamazoo County Admin cannot support additional staffing at this time. Jennifer spoke to the considerable operational effort outside of public hours. Please inform others about</p>		

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6.Member Comments	1)Jim mentioned the recent 2200 gallon sewage overflow at manhole downstream of apts in Oshtemo. Mike attributes these to use of “flushable” wipes (not!) and poor grease mgt. We talked about better public education.	none	
	<p>2) Dan delivered MDOT news about no tree cutting from April 1 to November 1 because of Northern Long-eared Bat (!). Labor crunch as most KCRC staff doing snow removal in remaining period. Also spoke of frustration in funding problems on secondary roads requiring 50% local match. (Charleston lost road millage vote last week)</p> <p>3) Jim will report on Austin Lake aeration results to us next time as this technology is spreading.</p> <p>4) Mike. CoK partnering with WMU on greenhouse gas inventory, reenergizing commitment to sustainability. Developing responsibility strategy for Superfund and 201 sites with state and other parties.</p> <p>5) David. a) DEQ is working in collaboration with the Kalamazoo County Treasurer’s Office and the County Land Bank to address various environmental and blighted building issues at the Merchant’s Publishing and Production Printing Sites. The DEQ is demolishing the Production Printing building to remove contaminated source area soils associated with historic operations at the site. The County is demolishing most of the buildings at the Merchant’s Publishing Site to remove blighted buildings and allow the DEQ to do further environmental investigations. b)The DEQ also is working with Kalamazoo Township, with access assistance from Georgia Pacific, to remove and dispose approximately 10,000 tons of grossly impacted soils at the former Nolichucky Site. This removal work will help the Township with future marketing of the site for potential sale and redevelopment.c) The State gave \$945k to KVCC to assist in building their new campus near Portage Creek.</p> <p>6) Andrew. Strategies for more effective public communication.</p>		

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	7) New development behind Air Zoo!		