

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL  
March 11, 2009**

Present: Francis Bell, Deborah Cardiff, Leroy Crabtree, Daniel Moyle, Greg Nichols, Margaret O'Brien, Dawn Potter-Williams, Carolyn Rutland, Steve Yanni, Tom Pederson

Environmental Health: Tom Dewhirst, Cindy Foster, Kim Finkbeiner, Dale Harrison, Julie Berkey, Linda Wright

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Review/ Approval of Minutes	Minutes Approved		
3. Member Comments	<p>Steve Yanni – they have been getting a lot of calls about fertilizer applications. A lot of attention on phosphorous levels – it seems to be on everyone's mind these days.</p> <p>Margaret – the city of portage has passed an outdoor solid fuel fired furnace ordinance. She went over some of the regulations. They can only burn between October 1 and May 1<sup>st</sup>.</p> <p>Leroy said that Dr. Conner will be having a bee keepers workshop on April 1<sup>st</sup> at Conner Farm on HJ Avenue.</p> <p>Margaret asked Deb what her thoughts were on a state wide sanitary code and she said she has always been in favor of it.</p> <p>Deb said that the next medications collection will be on June 20<sup>th</sup>. In addition, Tom is focusing on the ability to have a year round pharmaceutical collection and Tom has</p>	<p>Ordinance will be included with minutes.</p> <p>He will email to Deb and she will forward onto members</p>	

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	<p>collected a lot of information from other countries and other states. Deb said they are looking into the possibility to collect sharps also.</p> <p>Deb said the EH Bureau just inherited the Asthma Coalition responsibilities which will be part of our shelter environmental specialist position; which ties in with our ideas to have an educational component in that program. This was previously under the Health Educator position.</p> <p>Deb said that it looks like the City of Portage is leaning towards coming up with an agreement with Schoolcraft and the Village for the sewer. Margaret said the meeting is tonight but she is not too optimistic. The meeting is tonight at 6:00 with limited public comment.</p> <p>Carolyn Rutland said that the Home Expo starts tonight and goes through Saturday.</p> <p>Tom said that this spring they are celebrating the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of recycling in Kalamazoo County and the 20<sup>th</sup> anniversary of HHW. They have done 350 million lbs of recyclables and 4 million lbs of hazardous waste.</p>		
<p>4. Tour of HHW – Tom Dewhirst and Staff</p>		<p>Tom and his staff took EHAC members on a tour of the facility.</p>	