

Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 6, 2007

Present: Francis Bell, Bryan Bowne, Kathleen Buckham, Patrick Krause, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Dawn Potter-Williams, James Rutherford, Carolyn Rutland, Kyle Smith, John Taylor, Rob Mason, Martin Landes, Barbara Fisher

Environmental Health: Deborah Cardiff, Kim Finkbeiner, and Carolyn Hobbs-Kreiger

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Review of Minutes	Minutes from April and May approved		
3. Review of Agenda	Jim Rutherford requested we include an update regarding the status of the Sanitary Code changes	Added to Agenda as topic 5., making Member Comments topic 6.	
4. Aggregate Industries	<p>Rob Mason, Environmental Advisor and Martin Landes, Real Estate Manager with Aggregate Industries gave a presentation regarding their company's request to put a gravel quarry in Alamo Township. They also handed out a public relations book entitled <u>Natural Quarry, A Journey Across the U.S.</u> by David Boag.</p> <p>Kalamazoo is part of Aggregate Industries United States Central Region. It is a worldwide company. Aggregate and limestone is not available everywhere in the country, it is limited by geography and quantity. Michigan has a variety of aggregate resources, dating back from the Paleozoic age, and natural glacial deposits. Michigan is 2nd in nation in production of sand and gravel, 10th in production of agricultural lime and 12th in crushed stone. Typical concerns with quarry concerns are noise, dust, traffic, water use, reclamation use, property values, and wildlife. Many of these are addressed and mitigated in the permitting process. This is a highly regulated industry. A variety of permits are required, such as air permits, storm water runoff, ground water discharge permits, wetland</p>		<p>Pat Krause suggested we hear from Friends of Richland, to get their opinions regarding Stoneco's proposed operation.</p> <p>Ann Nieuwenhuis mentioned working with Dr. Bauer to bring the academic and the real world together on controversial issues to provide the facts, especially in the area of land use.</p>

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 6, 2007**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
	<p>permits, etc. The annual cost for development of a quarry can range from \$120,000 upwards to \$2,000,000, and usually has a lifetime operation span of 25 – 30 years maximum. Aggregate industries mine their sites in stages. They mine approximately 25 acres at a time, doing progressive reclamation, as they proceed from each active 25 acres.</p>		
<p>5. Sanitary Code Update</p>	<p>The Committee reviewing the Sanitary Code has concluded its revisions. The draft is ready for Thom Canny, Corporate Council, to review. After Tom’s review it will go to the planning committee, and then on to the BOC for public hearings. The public hearings will most likely take place in September. The Code will go into effect 45 days after the Board of Commissioners approves it. The Committee does not anticipate any problems with obtaining approval.</p>		
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Pat Krause suggested we hear from Friends of Richland, to get their opinions regarding Stoneco’s proposed operation. He also passed out an article regarding CAFO’s. Bryan Bowne agrees that the Friends of Richland should be invited to attend an EHAC meeting. Ann Nieuwenhuis mentioned working with Dr. Bauer to bring the academic and the real world together on controversial issues to provide the facts to the public, especially in the area of land use, and the county’s vision for the future. Fran Bell mentioned the Council of Governments is working on updating the waste reduction ordinance. John Taylor mentioned that the county is looking at waste reduction and energy efficiency in internal county offices. Deb Cardiff said she is putting together a power point presentation to share with EHAC regarding the Sanitary Code. It will also be presented to the township association. It will be an overview of the reasons for change and what they are. If anyone is interested or knows of a group who is interested in seeing the presentation, let her know and she will arrange it.</p>		

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
June 6, 2007**

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP