

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

September 11, 2013

Present: Francis bell, Daniel Moyle, Mike Wetzel, Jim Pearson, John O’Keefe, David Harn

Absent: Kathleen Buckham, Deborah Cardiff, Patricia Crowley, Leroy Crabtree, Dawn Potter-Williams, Patricia Randall, Kirsten Rimes, John Taylor, Erich Zinser

Environmental Health: Vern Johnson

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Approval of Minutes	Approval was not made. We did not have a quorum		
3. Citizen Comments			
4. EH Updates - Deb Cardiff	<p>Vern talked about the changes to the smoking ban law that went out in 2010. This law prohibited smoking in restaurants indoors and outdoors if there is service of food and drinks. This law has been amended. This will allow smoking on patios and having food and drinks as long as the individual customer brings their food out. Restaurants employees are not allowed to serve or clean tables. The restaurants are allowed to designate hours of when smoking is allowed in the patio. Restaurants were notified of this amendment. There have not been any complaints. The new law makes it almost impossible for EH to respond to any outdoor smoking complaint. We are not responding to any outdoor complaints on patios. Only a phone call will be made to the owner.</p> <p>Well and septic permits are higher than last year. December 13th will be our septic installer’s conference. This will allow installers to get enough credits to register for next year. Conference will be held at the fairgrounds. Fran asked if the new fee scheduled has gone into effect. Vern said no. This will go into effect on January 1st 21014.</p>		

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	Fran asked if anyone heard about the \$300,000 in grants for rehab project. No one had heard about it.		
5. Member Comments	Jim: Last night at the Portage City Council discussion came up about Jazz and Blues Club. The club was previously awarded a liquor license to Jazz and Blues Club. The state sent the money back to the owners of the club without an explanation David: EPA will be finishing up the dredging in Kalamazoo River sometime this week.		