

Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL
November 7, 2007

Present: Jeff Balkema, Fran Bell, Deb Cardiff, Pat Krause, Greg Nichols, Ann Nieuwenhuis, Margaret O'Brien, Dawn Potter-Williams, Carolyn Rutland, John Taylor,

Environmental Health: Kim Finkbeiner

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Citizen Comments	None		
2. Approval of Minutes	August minutes approved by Fran, Supported by Margaret. September minutes approved as submitted by Pat, supported by Fran. October minutes approved by Margaret with one correction to Item 6 Members Terms, she requested that last sentence be changed to read "...will remain on the Committee at the will of the Mayor of City of Portage; supported by Fran.	All approved	
3. Review of Agenda	No changes		
4. EHAC Housekeeping	<p>Updated Membership List – a list was passed around for everyone to up-date their personal information. Deb also mentioned that Jeremy Marr resigned from Committee due to scheduling and time constraints.</p> <p>Missing Membership Roles – the committee is lacking a representative from the villages of the county and from the Road Commission. The question was raised as to whether the committee should solicit members from these groups. It was decided that these groups should be approached regarding membership to broaden the base of the group. The village's can send anyone of their choosing to be their representative. Members agreed to mention EHAC to village contacts they are currently involved with.</p> <p>By-Laws – Members to take time to review them. It was pointed out that a few administrative changes may be necessary, i.e., County Board member cannot hold any office on committee.</p> <p>2008 Agenda Topics- Quarterly reports will be provided by the EH Department on meth labs, the KL landfill, lead, surface water, and HHW. The reception and impact of the changes in the Sanitary Code will be discussed in May or June.</p> <p>EH Fee Schedule-Maximus Study is finished. This will be a topic for the December or January meeting. John Taylor requested information on what the county process is for all fees.</p>	<p>Members present updated list.</p> <p>Deb to send letter and application form to Villages and Road Commission advising them of Committee's existence, and inviting their participation with the Committee.</p> <p>Bylaws to be added to Agenda topics for further review over the next year.</p> <p>Deb to add to agenda topics: Phosphate Fertilizer Green Assist Endocrine Disrupters Honeybees</p>	Email to be sent to absent members.

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	<p>Tattoo/Body Art – The state is moving to pass a law requiring licensing for these businesses; however no mechanism to inspect/license. Similar to meth regulations necessitating LHD to develop inspection/licensing ordinances to allow them the ability to obtain state licensing. A workgroup by the EH Department will be put together to establish rules for safe practices and facilities.</p> <p>Alternative Fuels/Bronco Diesel will be addressed in the Spring. Ann may be able to arrange a tour of the facility.</p> <p>Eco Village Comstock – will be updated as the project is moving ahead. They are applying for permits for composting toilets, which is a new item for Kalamazoo County.</p> <p>Children’s Environmental Health Issues will be a topic that will be discussed next year. Deb has access to a presentation of this topic for the Committee to see.</p> <p>Other items mentioned for addition were the use of phosphate fertilizers and the impact on surface water; looking into Green Assist, a program that the conservation districts and extension offices are promoting for Greenhouses to become MEAP Organic Certified; environmental endocrine disruptors and the decline of the honeybee population. The committee also discussed the need to gain more knowledge regarding the Kalamazoo River Clean Up Project. Carolyn and Fran will form a sub committee to begin to coordinate this, and look into the possibility of having an EPA representative come to speak with the committee. It was suggested that this become a recurring agenda item.</p> <p>Future Meeting Day/Time – results of the survey are in. The best time appears to be the 2nd Wednesday of the month, from 9:00 until 11:00. This date and time will begin, effective January 2008. A schedule of the dates, and meeting places will be forwarded to members.</p>	<p>Kalamazoo River Cleanup And remove: Friends of Richland</p> <p>Deb to request presentation on fee calculation process from Finance Director.</p>	
5. Plug-In-Partners	Postponed until December meeting.		To be added to December agenda
6. Member Comments	<p>Fran passed out hand outs regarding Ag waste, Coca Cola plastics plant, new equipment for a Dow plant in Michigan, and an article regarding junktique-ing (recycling).</p> <p>Ann wanted to thank everyone for the support she has received over the last couple of months, while dealing with family health matters.</p>		