

**Kalamazoo County  
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

August 10, 2016

Present: Vern Johnson, Daniel Moyle, Richard Ford, Kevin Wordelman, Jim Pearson, Mike Leeuw, David Harn, Meredith Place, Andrew Nieboer

Absent: Francis Bell, Patricia Crowley, Jeff Sorensen, Stephanie Moore, Shannan Deater,

Environmental Health: Jeff Reicherts, Chelsea Frederick, Lynn Norman, Aaron Hoogenboom, Lucus Pols

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions			
2. Citizen Comments			
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for June 8, 2016	Some correction were made	
4. Sunset Lake Sampling Update	Lake is sampled weekly. Looking for below 300 E.coli colonies per 100 ml of water. Also, looking at 30 day geometric mean of below 130 E.coli colonies. Sunset lake has had issues in June with very high levels of e coli. Some of the things to contribute to this is a lot of waterfall and not a lot of maintenance being done. At the end of June Vicksburg began fencing as well as a daily cleanup of the beach. On July 12 <sup>th</sup> EH did an investigation on all of the lake and took samples at various parts of the lake. Looked at homes that are on septic systems and municipal sewer. Sample result didn't show that homes on septic systems were the contributor to high levels of E.coli. Since the investigation on July 12 <sup>th</sup> , and following Chelsea's recommendations, the beach has come back below 300 colonies of E.coli. The advisory was lifted on July 27 <sup>th</sup> . Jim asked if this happens every year at Sunset Chelsea said they only had a couple single day event last year but then went away.		
5. EH Program	Non-Potable Water Well Permitting Program:		

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<p>Updates: -Non-Potable Water Well Permitting Program -Sewage Spills</p>	<p>Members of the group include: DEQ, well driller, drain house owner operator, farmer equipment rep, 2 township supervisors, MSU Extension, agricultural rep and EH staff There has been 3 meetings to explain the purpose of what EH is asking and also going through the sanitary code. There are a few members that are against this. It was brought up from members against is that farm ag wells cannot comply with the Michigan statute for water wells therefore they would rather not have EH on the field to inspecting these wells. Because of this Vern stated that he would like to put a pause on this and go out on the field to see what their issues are. After the field visit EH will resume and then bring it to EH. Vern anticipates to bring this to EHAC at the October meeting for vote. If EHAC supports this it will move forward to administration on their December agenda.</p> <p>There were 2 sanitary sewer overflows last week. One at Leona and the other at Kilgore. There was 2,700 gallons of raw sewage that was discharge. This came from a private line but the city did respond. The other on Leona had 60,000 gallons of raw sewage that impacted a surface water. This is believe to be vandalism. Someone opened a manhole cover and put tree debris. EH puts out an advisory out when there is a large discharge of over 1,000 gallons. EH also worked with the city to do water testing of the surface water that was impacted.</p>		
<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Vern: Kalamazoo County Fair will be going on August 7-13. EH will be giving out free radon test kit.</p>		