

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Meeting Minutes
August 14, 2019
9:00 AM-10:00 AM
Health and Community Services
311 East Alcott St- Room 361- Kalamazoo, MI 49001

Members Present: Jeff Sorensen, Meredith Place, Julie Pioch, Michael Boersma, Vern Johnson, Francis Bell, Patricia Crowley, Andrew Nieboer, Kristi Lloyd, David Harn

Members Absent: Louis Parker III, Shannon Deater, Mike Leeuw, Claudette Reid

Environmental Health: Jim Rutherford, Lucus Pols, Jeff Reicherts, Doug Potter, Aaron Hoogenboom, Leah Erlandson, Doreen Durka

Also attending: Dan Wood, Elizabeth Rochow, James Baker

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions	Jeff and Vern announced the resignation of Jim Pearson from the committee. Jeff is now the acting EHAC Chairperson until elections at the first of the year. Special thank you to Jim Pearson for his years of dedicated service to EHAC.		
2. Citizen Comments	No comments		
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for June 12, 2019		
4. EH Program Updates	Aaron Hoogenboom shared an update on the Sharps Collection Program. They had their soft opening on July 1, 2019 and held a press release on July 17, 2019. The Sharps Program is a free service for the public to drop off their used sharps for proper disposal. We are looking at possibly expanding drop off sites to other spots in the community.		

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	<p>Vern Johnson stated that EHAC elections are held in January. We are looking for an EHAC member at large representing the lake community to service on this board. Applications are accepted throughout the year.</p> <p>The Sewage Board of Appeals will also be looking for a new member in January, since Jim Pearson is no longer on the committee. This board meets on an as needed basis throughout the year. Information about the EHAC Committee position and Sewage Board of Appeals position are posted on the County Website.</p> <p>Vern Johnson gave an update on the 2020 budget. There will not be any rate increases in 2020 for the Environmental Health Unit due to an increase in septic and well permits and restaurant licenses. We will be looking at increasing our EH Fees for 2021.</p> <p>Vern Johnson gave an update on Burroughs GRZ. The County gave approval for Burroughs to submit their application. It is currently being reviewed by a third party, Prein & Newhof. Results should be available in two to three weeks, so it can be voted on at the October EHAC meeting and then move to being presented to the board.</p> <p>James Baker from the City of Kalamazoo gave an update and presentation on the Richland, Cooper, and Parchment Municipal Water upgrades from the PFAS contamination. He also shared information about the 20 year lead pipe replacement law that just went into effect this year. The City has an extensive lead program available to its customers. If someone is wanting their water tested for lead and has city water they can call (269) 377-8550. If they have another water testing need or question they can call (269) 377-8756.</p> <p>Jeff Reicherts gave a short PFAS update due to time</p>		

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	being up. The meeting room will be held until 10:30a.m. in the future, for any meetings that may run over in time.		
4. Proposed Meeting Schedule Change	The meeting scheduled for October 9, 2019 has been moved to Tuesday, October 15, 2019 at 10:00a.m.		
5. Member Comments	None-due to time constraints		