

**Kalamazoo County
ENVIRONMENTAL HEALTH ADVISORY COUNCIL**

December 13, 2017

Members Present: Vern Johnson, Kevin Wordelman, Jim Pearson, Meredith Place, Patricia Crowley, Jeff Sorensen, Fran Bell, David Pawloski, Shannan Deater, Andrew Nieboer, Scott McGraw, David Harn, Julie Pioch, Mike Leeuw, Louis Parker III

Members Absent: Richard Ford

Environmental Health: Lucas Pols, Aaron Hoogenboom, Jeff Reicherts

Also attending: Jim Rutherford (HCS)

TOPIC	DISCUSSION	ACTION	FOLLOW-UP
1. Welcome - Introductions	Vern Johnson welcomed new member Louis Parker III to the council.		
2. Citizen Comments			
3. Approval of Minutes	Minutes were approved for October 11, 2017		
4. Vapor Intrusion Presentation- David Harn	David Harn gave a presentation on vapor intrusion (VI), a process by which hazardous substances in soil or groundwater migrate to the indoor air. David covered investigation techniques, biodegradation, mitigation systems, as well as sources of background indoor air contamination.		
5. EH Program Updates-Vern Johnson	The county is looking to implement a community sharps program- a county wide collection of residential sharps. Collection would be Monday through Friday at our new building, no questions asked. We will guide those with leftover medications to the nearest Red Med box. Portage wants to partner with a sharps drop off location as well. EHAC membership reappointments-2 current members are due for reappointment, the board will be meeting and going over those so we continue to be a full committee. Vern thanked all the members for their time and participation throughout the year.		

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<p>6. Member Comments</p>	<p>Mike Leeuw- His restaurants are busy with catering.</p> <p>Shannan Deater- Changes are coming for the lead and copper program in 2018. The city budget proposal went before the commission and had a favorable response.</p> <p>Meredith Place- Portage planning commission will be very busy looking at whether the city should decide to opt in to any marijuana dispensaries, labs, growing facilities etc. They have to wait for the full board to pass any ordinance. Looking forward to an update on the non-potable well project in the near future.</p> <p>David Pawlowski- Sewage system installer’s conference is coming up on Friday. Some road commission staff will be presenting on frost laws and seasonal restrictions. He was reappointed by the road commission for another term and is excited to be here.</p> <p>Louis Parker III- Happy to be here. Met with EPA in September about the smell from James River and odors on Kalamazoo’s north side. He is not getting a response at this time.</p> <p>Vern Johnson- All are invited to the septic installer’s conference in the Georgian room this Friday, starting at 8:00 AM.</p> <p>Jim Pearson- City of Portage had an emergency meeting last night regarding the case against a medical marijuana dispensary. The case has been dropped, they are approved and are now legal and can serve for 6 months. Portage had to opt in by December 15th. Also they passed a resolution that they will be working on a medical marijuana ordinance.</p>		

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	<p>Jeff Sorenson- Cooper Township just signed a lease for a solar farm on the landfill of Crown Vantage. They are also working on a 3 year tiered sewer installation for Riverview and Keyes and then McKinley and 20th Street. They are working with contractors to make it affordable. Also there is a cold-water stream that is a drain and has a culvert that needs replacing, a grant will pay for the replacement of the culvert.</p> <p>Fran Bell- No comment</p> <p>Pat Crowley- National Weather Service confirmed October was the wettest month in known history (1886) for our area.</p> <p>Andrew Nieboer-No comment</p> <p>Julie Pioch-No comment</p> <p>Kevin Wordelman- Two people are up for reappointments on EHAC. Our process can be a bit slow at times. Wondering if a resolution at this time can speed things along.</p> <p>Scott McGraw- Interviews are next Tuesday for the 2 reappointments, the 2 applicants are incumbents so it should not be a difficult process. They can still continue to serve until officially reappointed if they wish.</p> <p>Jim Pearson asked for a recommendation from EHAC that Meredith Place and David Harn be reappointed. Motion made by Kevin Wordelman, and seconded by Jeff Sorensen. Motion passed unanimously. Jim said he would compose a memo to the board in support.</p> <p>David Harn-No comment</p>		

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	Jim Pearson announced the next meeting is February 14 th and adjourned the meeting.		