



Wednesday, March 25 2015 – 7pm
Mahany/Meininger Senior/Community Center (3500 Marais)

Members Present: Tom Nagle, Tom Regan, Chris Hartwig, Jennifer Acevedo, Kathy Guest, Jason Wagner, Greg Rassel, Kyle Dubuc, Blaine Tillander, Greg Rassel

Public Present:

MINUTES

1. Approval of November, January and February minutes.
Postponed until next meeting. It should be noted that there aren't any November meeting minutes.
2. Greg Rassel report
3. Public Comment
No comments.
4. Guest: Anne Vaara, Clinton River Watershed Council and RO Planning Commission

Anne is ally to our views on water runoff solutions. Anne will send hand outs. Tom Regan will send email to Anne with our emails.

Kyle stated that water runoff is Commissions' top priority. Kyle and Mike brought up using green infrastructure on roads at strategic meeting. Commission is working with engineering to change ordinances. Trying to get planning and Commission on same page.

Kyle stated that CDBG funding was approved for Fourth St pilot project. Runoff will be measured to see reduction. Kyle stated that once engineering storm water study is done, we could set long term goals.

5. Guest: Maureen Elliott, Beaumont Hospital, Government and Community Relations

Beaumont is a non profit, and the largest health care in SE Michigan. Beaumont spends 20 million on utilities. Use 171,167,459 KWH of electricity annually

Some highlights of what Beaumont is doing to be green:

- a. Farmers market onsite.
- b. Beaumont recycles 29% of waste. Saves 382,000 pounds in waste
- c. Have lots of trees. Ponds catch rain water.
- d. They are looking at renewable energy.

Maureen will send out green team page link. She will also send out her Earth Day event flyer from April 22. Her responsibility is taking back drugs.

6. Old business

a. Sunday bin sale report.

Chris said lots of traffic. Had questions about things not getting recycled outside of bins.

b. DTE and LED lighting (Jason)

Royal Oak has different kinds of lights:

- a. City owns lights and DTE maintains (10%)
- b. DTE owns and maintains (90%)

We could possibly investigate

Inventory – City vs DTE owned

City owned light – Evaluate ROI on LEDs

DTE owned lights – What it would take to change contract with DTE.

Greg stated that DTE will charge you more for LED pole than other pole, and that Orion Township is trying to take their lights back from DTE. Royal Oak is watching to see how it turns out before they make decision. City is changing to LED where they own the lights. The parking garage is example. When city lights burn out, city changes to LED. h

c. Spring event (Jennifer and Blaine)

7am – 2pm

Storm water education during Royal Oak in Bloom. We will be selling rain barrels. We have 2 spaces

Joshua Rubin from Michigan Rain Barrel (Maxi Container) will be at event. Joshua said he will have helpers for questions. Lillian Dean from SOCWA will also be there.

Jennifer will send list to Greg about what she needs. Jennifer will get answers on how to install rain barrels.

d. WRC pilot project (Jennifer)
Water resources commission

e. Churches (Christine and Kathy)

Chris sent email to reverend John Miller. John Miller says there is interfaith group that meets in Royal oak. Chris has some contacts at Salvation Army, First Presbyterian, and Starr Presbyterian.

Royal Oak Pastors Association may be an option.

Kathy recommended First United Methodist church.

f. Leaflet (Amanda)

We reviewed the leaflet Amanda created. We may tailor it to our current issue. We will review it again next month.

7. Calendar

a. April bike ride -

b. SOCCRA Earth Day Open House, Sunday April 19th 12:00pm – 3:00pm, 995 Coolidge, Troy.

Tom Regan, Tom Nagle, Jason Wagner, and Chris Hartwig volunteered. Greg sent email to Karen Bever with our emails. Like to do shifts if possible.

c. May: electronic recycling event.

We are thinking June 6th. 9am – 1pm
Blaine, Chris, Kathy will organize.

d. Saturday July 25th: Bikes, Brunch and Beer participation?

Tom Regan will say we are interested.

8. New Business

Chris – Asked if we want to plant a tree again. She will work with Greg to get one planted.