Environmental Board Meeting Minutes

1.8.20 Meeting

Call to Order:
-Meeting called to order at 7:00pm.

-Members Present: Chair Roger Lonoza, Vice Chair Deirdre Nieves, Jerry Kroehn, Chelsea Huber, Loren Kimeldorf, Kevin Park, Thomas Shaffer, Lauren McMullan, Joe Chamberlin, Assistant City Engineer Jamie Harmon
  --Excused Members: N/A
  --Unexcused Members: N/A
  --Guests: N/A
-Prior meeting minutes approved.

Portager Contribution Discussion/Plan of Action:
--Board members contributed and discussed topics for Portager articles every month. Referred to a prior list submitted by a member.
--Discussed the book “50 Simple Things Kids Can Do To Save The Planet” and how we could showcase this book or books like it in an article. Also discussed having this book at the Green A Thon.

Climate Action Plan Update:
--Board briefly discussed the Executive Summary and members had not feedback or changes. The Summary will be sent to the City Manager.

Mosquito Eradication Update (with Kathleen Hoyle and Joe Whilhelme contributing):
--The meeting discussed last month involving all the department heads did not happen over the holidays. An email will be sent out and subcommittee members will attempt to schedule that in the coming weeks.

Open Forum:
--Adopt a Park: the Board still needs list of who has adopted what park to assist in the Invasive Species Pulls. Jaime to contact Kathleen. Also discussed using Notify Me and the City’s Facebook Page to get spread pull date information.
--New EB Display Boards and Banner: members discussed needing a more visually appealing and organized way in which to display our information at events.
  -Loren and Roger volunteered to be the Board/Banner subcommittee. Loren to look into different options.
- Designated some of next month’s meeting to work on the boards.
-- Wedel’s: Jerry will contact them again about having a booth there this year.
-- Single-Use To-Go Containers: discussed passing an ordinance restricting businesses’ use of single-use containers. Milwaukee and Ann Arbor had passed such ordinances.
  - Joe will look into getting copies of those ordinances for reference.
-- Farmers’ Market: members are interested in having a booth at the Portage Market during the summer. Perhaps just setting up our information at the city’s information table.
-- WMU Climate Lunch: every Friday at noon WMU hosts a lunch and discussion about different topics related to climate change.

**Motion to dismiss; approved:**
- Meeting ended at 8:15 p.m.

/s/ Portage Environmental Board