

**SUPERIOR CHARTER TOWNSHIP
WETLANDS BOARD
MINUTES OF September 19, 2018**

1. The meeting was called to order by Chairman Zelisse at 7:00 p.m.
2. Board members present were Nancy Caviston, Ellen Kurath, Jim McIntyre, and David Zelisse.
3. The agenda was adopted as presented (motion by Cavision, support by McIntyre approved by voice vote).
4. Minutes of the March 21, 2018 regular meeting were approved as written (motion by McIntyre, support by Caviston approved by voice vote).
5. Citizen Participation – None.
6. Communications
 - A. Permit Applications Received - None.
 - B. Wetland Maps Updates - None.
 - C. Huron River Watershed Council – None.
 - D. Rouge River Watershed - Friends of the Rouge Update
 1. Phone conversation with Friends of the Rouge regarding the Federal Court Order about the Rouge.

Kurath discussed the federal court order and its effectiveness on the Rouge. Discussion followed regarding the Superior Township Blight Ordinance and the possibility of aiding the Court Order. Kurath also brought in copies of a portion of the Township Blight Ordinance 165.02 re. nuisances to consider if this might be use in some instances.

McIntyre stated that a Rouge Rescue occurred. Invasive removal was done at three sites in the Township and SMLC cleaned up the entry way to the Jack Smiley preserve. Also, a new native plant garden was installed.
7. Old Business – None.

8. New Business – It was stated that McIntyre will write an article about the Wetlands Board for the Township Newsletter.

9. Policy Discussion

A. New Township Planning Consultant.

Laura Bennett, Recording Clerk, explained that Carlisle Wortman Associates are the new planning consultants for the Township.

B. Dam at LeForge Road to be eliminated.

Kurath stated that the City of Ypsilanti maintains the dam, and it is expensive. Major repairs would be needed, and the City would have to pay the cost of maintenance.

C. Sewer proposed along Gotfredson Road from Salem Township to YCUA.

Discussion of the proposed sewer as well as the route the proposed sewer would take. The Developer would have this sewer go from Salem Township to YUCA, rather than towards Plymouth.

D. Harmon Case: Status re: outcome of enforcement action in court.

Filling of a wetland near Cherry Hill Road and Berry Road caused damage to adjacent property. Washtenaw County Prosecutor took Mr. Harmon to court, which cost \$190,000. The jury decision was guilty, but the jury ordered that half the court cost was to be paid by Mr. Harmon and the other half by the other side, including the result that the adjacent property owners would be required to pay a substantial amount of money. Instead, the Township paid for that portion so that property owners would not incur the cost.

E. Need more members for Wetlands Board.

It was noted that no members have been found yet.

F. Consideration of reviewing the Township Wetlands Ordinance.

There has not been any activity.

G. Information regarding herbicide.

Kurath put together information sheets about some invasives and action without herbicide. Kurath has also had conversations with Township Parks and Parks Commission about going after nuisance plants in particular places in the Township Parks, including near the SW swamp at Cherry Hill Nature Preserve.

10. Next Meeting - The next meeting was scheduled for Wednesday, March 20, 2019 at 7:00 p.m.
11. The meeting was adjourned at 7:57 p.m. (motion by McIntyre, support by Kurath, approved by voice vote).

Respectfully submitted,
Ellen Kurath, Secretary
Laura Bennett, Recording Secretary