

Environment Committee

Minutes

All present 10:00 Friday, May 12, 2017

1. Approval of previous

Motion by Baran, seconded by Kravitz . All yays

2. Steve - Updates....nothing additional that will not be included in old business.\

Old Business

1. Oil and Natural Gas Contracts - half-way through, most likely have what reviewed all contracts through 80s when slant well want because have

Greg Jackson has reviewed many of information on Google docs and will be presenting suggestions

Flynn shared challenges in reviewing contracts and questioning what leases are still active.

Possibly approaching Board to create a data base identifying leases and time frame.

Question as to how deeply the “review” charged to committee extends and what is entailed in “monitoring”. Obviously, if a request is made for new drilling on park property, committee’s involvement would be more obvious but evaluating existing wells is more vague.

Jackson asked if there is an environmental scientist on staff? Avery no....we work with outside agency. Need sited for an individual who is responsible for broad environmental monitoring....be it local, state-wide, university connected....someone to make recommendations.

Question - is there anyone on staff currently doing this? No.
Would there be enough work for a full-time individual ?
Can YSU be more involved, research projects, etc.

Immediate task - oil and gas wells. Questions ? Lease time, are there fences etc.

Jackson reported that he spoke with John Fleming who has since declined to join Jackson to visit and examine wells. It appears that a more “official” request must be made. Jackson willing to do physical examination but is t this part of our charge?

Suggestion made to Board at a workshop to seek professional assistance in reviewing leases.

Summary: We can and have identified leases but need further direction from Board.

Possible goal....whose well is it, who owns it, when was is inspected, which would be a great job for a student intern.

Oil and Natural Gas.....immediate action. Based off of our observations, create a document with our recommendations to present to the Board to set into motion a plan to address the issues, which could include outreach to agencies, university, etc.

New Business

ALEC email - out of our scope...unclear as to what park would have us do....proposal by Kuzma to dismiss email...not actionable...goes back to what our goals are...need for database with transparent documents.....

Fish Kill Email2015...important point is that Fish Kill was not E coli...heavy rains culprit. Sanitary drains and storm water system combine to go into water treatment plant. When it overflows, untreated water goes out into the environment. MCP has little control over this...municipalities must address the issue. CSOs major culprit but other causes are Nutrient loading, septic systems, wildlife loading, non point pollution all contribute

Situation was well examined by science community who were in agreement that Fish Kill was related to diminished O2 due to heavy rains. We are in compliance with park position.

Summary - committee should advisemake Park more pro-active to avoid events that promote negative media reporting. Committee as a LINK between park and

Suggestion to create document that will have all of our suggestions.... we can approve through Google docs....

Board meeting August 14...need to be on agenda 10 days before...Steve will take care of that...

Friday August 4, 10:00 to tweak document.

Barb - question as to does park need to copy us on emails that ...not sure what we are being charged with.

Adjournment 11; Flynn, Baran