

Lake Township Community Advisory Group

LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP DECEMBER 16, 2000

COMMITTEE

MEMBERS PRESENT: Ted Walls, Tom Roberts, John Birk, John Ondick, Patricia Schorr, Mike Pearch, Dan Clay

PRESS: Joy Dingman

OTHERS PRESENT: Dave Herbert, Legal Counsel; Carolyn Casey, Township Administrator; Sue Ruley, Township Trustee; Tom Shalala, Clayton Environmental Consultant

The CAG meeting was opened at 9:25 a.m. with introductions.

Sue Ruley made introductory comments and clarified the fact that the township is responsible for the keeping of records as far as expenditures by the group are concerned as to the USEPA CAG grant.

The next item on the agenda was deemed to be the election of one remaining officer for the group since a spokesperson and an alternate spokesperson was previously selected. Dan Clay made a motion to nominate Tom Roberts secretary for the group. Seconded by John Ondick. The group unanimously appointed Tom Roberts secretary for the Community Advisory Group.

The group discussed the Uniontown Tire building. Correspondence as to the building was received from Attorney Robert McNamara. According to Mr. McNamara's letter, Uniontown Tire formerly occupied this building, which is located at 12600 Cleveland Avenue, but was not owned by Uniontown Tire. Uniontown Tire was also not responsible for the placement of the underground storage tanks on that property; nor did they utilize them. To avoid confusion, the property will henceforth be referred to by its street address or as the building formerly occupied by Uniontown Tire. Dan Clay made a motion to amend the minutes of November 18, 2000, to reflect the actual address of the above-mentioned property to wit 12600 Cleveland Avenue rather than by the name of Uniontown Tire. Seconded by Ted Walls. It was unanimously agreed that the minutes should be so amended.

Ted Walls made a motion that the minutes of November 18, 2000 be approved as amended. Seconded by Tom Roberts. Roll call: Unanimous.

Dan Clay presented a mission statement proposed by Roy Leckonby to the group for discussion. This statement is as follows, **"To provide informed community input into the remediation plan and the ultimate return to community use of the Industrial Excess Landfill Superfund Site and the surrounding acreage."** There was some discussion as to the meaning of "informed community input."

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Dan Clay made a motion to adopt this statement as the Community Advisory Group's mission statement. Seconded by Pat Schorr. The group voted unanimously to accept this as their mission statement.

Discussion was held as to whether the group needs by-laws. It was decided that a sub committee was necessary in order to develop by-laws. Roy Leckonby, Jonathan Fleming, and Dan Clay will work on developing by-laws and present that information to the CAG at the February 2001 meeting.

The group agreed that they were still open to new members, but they thought the group should be limited to no more than twelve members.

It was clarified that John Ondick was the spokesperson, Roy Leckonby was the alternate spokesperson, and Tom Roberts was the secretary the Community Advisory Group. Dave Herbert gave a brief explanation of the differences between a CAG and a TAG. In his explanation, he stated that the CAG grant was applied for and received by the township; therefore, it is considered a township committee of volunteers. The TAG is a non-profit group, which, once it receives its 501 (C)(3) designation, will become a non-profit corporation exempt from federal income tax and be able to accept federal income tax deductible donations. The CAG and the TAG are two different entities. The next step in applying for the TAG grant is for the EPA to publish a notice as to the TAG group's interest in a TAG grant. This notice will be published Monday, December 18, 2000. Any other group that is interested in this same grant has 30 days to notify the EPA of their interest. If the two groups cannot cooperate with each other as to the TAG grant, it will be up to the EPA to decide which group will receive the TAG grant.

Tom Shalala updated the group on the status of the second round of water sampling completed in August and December of 2000. He will meet with the PRPs and their consultant, Sharp and Associates, on December 21, 2000, to discuss the township's concerns on the results of the sampling and the IEL contingency plan. A major concern, at this time, is the ground water flow direction and whether we have true background wells. It was reported that the buildings on Cleveland Avenue slated for demolition was on hold due to the presence of asbestos at the antique store/restaurant. An abatement plan must be prepared and processed before demolition can proceed. Underground storage tank removal should be done in conjunction with demolition of the buildings. The removal of those tanks is the number one environmental concern at that site. He is still waiting on Sharp's report on the tanks. Wells near 12600 Cleveland Avenue were found to contain vinyl chloride. Tom stated that he would e-mail Ross Del Rosario regarding having the tanks pumped.

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Tom commented that Sharp and Associates was asked to look at the water wells of one resident of Uniontown and the Uniontown Community Park as to hook-up to city water. These two sites are within a 2,000 square foot radius of the landfill. Tom will be looking at a waste characterization book that he received about the landfill site, providing comments on the asbestos survey, and meeting with the PRPs to discuss a contingency plan and concerns on sampling at the site.

Tom Shalala suggested the CAG group write a letter to the EPA requesting the tanks at 12600 Cleveland Avenue be pumped immediately

The next meeting will be January 20, 2001, at 9:00 a.m. with the PRPs giving a presentation. A letter will go out to the cable companies asking if they would broadcast this meeting.

Tom Roberts made a motion to adjourn. Seconded by Mike Pearch.