

Lake Township Community Advisory Group

April 21, 2001
Lake Township Hall

1. Meeting called to order by President Dan Clay at 9:05AM
2. Minutes from March 17th meeting reviewed; no corrections. Motion made by Ted Walls to accept as written; second by John Ondick. Motion carried
3. Guests were introduced:
 - a) Larry Antonelli - Ohio EPA
 - b) Bob Somerack - Stark County Health Department
 - c) Bill Franks - Stark County Health Department
4. Bill Franks made comments regarding position of the Stark County Health Department.
 - a) What needs to be done at the IEL
 - i) City water supply needed in the area
 - a) variance given to keep wells for lawn watering, etc. if no TCE found. Yearly testing must be done to maintain variance
 - b) 13 wells missed in original work now being dealt with - owners have until 5/1/01 to request variance
 - ii) Clay cap needed on the landfill
 - iii) Position of the department has not changed from the beginning
 - a) public health can be protected by the two items above.
 - b) Not enough is known by the health department about alternatives to clay cap remediation (i.e. phytocap). More information is needed.
 - b) Cancer study
 - i) Study should be conducted by the Ohio Department of Health (ODH)
 - a) May not get any information from such a study because of the complex relationships between
 - (1) Occupational exposure
 - (2) heredity
 - (3) smoking
 - (4) etc.
 - b) Would need to find a statistically significant pattern of one type of cancer (e.g. lung, breast) since different cancers are different types of diseases
 - c) General population experiences cancer of some form in one of every three families.
 - d) Even if funding were made available this year by ODH, results may not be issued for two years due to limited resources
 - e) Such a study would be done on the incidence of cancer in Uniontown, Ohio. Someone else would have to make the correlation between this information and the IEL
 - ii) Other cancer studies have been conducted in northern Stark County
 - a) Uniontown was a part of these studies
 - b) Study of childhood cancer showed no significant incidence
 - iii) Mortality study done in 1984
 - c) Robert Somerack will be an ad hoc representative to the CAG
 - i) Motion made by Patricia Schorr to send minutes and any other communication regarding the CAG to Mr. Somerack. Second by John Ondick. Motion passed.

- d) How can we move forward with a united community front avoiding hostile confrontations as have occurred in the past?
 - i) Bill Franks is comfortable with his relationship with the CCLT and with Lake Township residents. He does not feel that there is an adversarial position at this time.
- 5. Larry Antonelli comments.
 - a) He has been the site coordinator for the Ohio EPA since 1995
 - b) His goal is to work with the community and the USEPA
 - c) Existing conditions at the IEL are such that previously proposed remediation can be changed
 - i) Currently reviewing if a non-permeable cap is necessary at the IEL.
 - d) Quarterly testing of wells
 - i) Was not part of the March, 2000 agreement with PRP's. This agreement specified semi-annual testing in the near term going to annual testing in the longer term.
 - ii) USEPA has granted permission to the PRP's to collect samples.
 - a) Samples are being collected by a consulting company being paid by the PRP's
 - b) Oversight is being done by Ohio EPA and Tom Shalala
 - iii) Sampling has shown a significant benzene problem in the ground water in the IEL.
 - a) There is no evidence that the benzene is leaving the IEL site.
 - e) Before a phyto cap is considered appropriate remediation, it must be determined how to define failure of this technology.
- 6. Feedback on video tapes sent to all Uniontown residents.
 - a) 7,000 tapes mailed
 - b) group reported 6 phone calls and 2 letters
 - c) If a campaign of this type is done in the future, feedback from the recipients should specifically be requested
- 7. Tank removal / Building demolition
 - a) Tom Shalala reported that May, 2001 is now the target date to complete this.
 - b) More sampling took place; results should be out shortly.
- 8. Tom Shalala suggested that John Hagan and Scott Oelschlager be invited to the CAG meetings
- 9. Dan Clay presented information he obtained from the Internet concerning
 - a) the number of sites nationally
 - b) the types of sites (e.g. Industrial Waste, Landfill, etc.)
 - c) who managed the remediation construction
 - d) the technology used for the remediation.
 - e) This information can be found at <http://www.epa.gov/superfund/accomp/400/stats.htm>
- 10. Dan Clay indicated that figures were available to show it would cost \$2,000,000 to remove earth from a site that was 100 feet X 100 feet X 10 feet. The IEL covers 30 acres.
- 11. Next meet will be 5/19/01 at 9:00AM.
 - a) Motion made by John Ondick to meet at the IEL site; second by Pat Schorr. Motion carried.
- 12. Motion made by Ted Walls to adjourn the meeting; second by Pat Schorr. Motion carried.
- 13. Meeting adjourned at 11:27AM

Respectfully submitted by

Michael Pearch
Secretary, Lake Township CAG