

Lake Township Community Advisory Group

LAKE TOWNSHIP COMMUNITY ADVISORY GROUP

January 25, 2001

Committee

Members: Patricia Schorr, Mike Pearch, Larry Wittmer Jr., Roy Leckonby, John Birk, Jonathan Fleming, John Ondick

Press: Tammy Proctor, Joy Dingman

Also Present: Sue Ruley, Trustee; Carolyn Casey, Administrator; David L. Herbert, Legal Counsel; Tom Shalala, Clayton Group Services; Denise Battaglia, U.S. EPA

Public: Paul Wolford

John Ondick opened the meeting at approximately 7:00 p.m. He then turned the meeting over for a presentation by Denise Battaglia, a representative for the U.S. EPA, Region 5, from Chicago. After thanking everyone for accommodating her schedule, Denise explained that the reason for this meeting was to get acquainted and to give the Uniontown Community Advisory Group a brief update on progress at the site.

Denise stated that the EPA has given the PRPs their comments on documents pertaining to work plans for removal of the underground storage tanks, asbestos abatement, and demolition of the buildings on Cleveland Avenue. As soon as the PRPs respond, final approval can be given on these plans. First, the asbestos will be removed from the former antique store building. Then the underground storage tanks will be removed, and the buildings will be demolished. If there are no complications, all of this will be completed this spring. The roll off boxes have been removed from the site. The EPA is waiting to announce the findings of the August 2000 ground water sampling. Comments have been submitted to the PRPs, and the EPA is waiting for a response in order to finish the validation process. Then it will be submitted to the public. At that point, a fact sheet will also be submitted to the community summarizing the results of the August sampling. A community involvement plan has been completed regarding the site. A copy of this plan was left for the Community Advisory Group as well as the township's repository. This plan is a history of the site, a history of the community involvement, and the concerns of the residents. The Ombudsman's report released back in October has been commented on by Region 5 at least twice. The EPA commented on errors when the report was first released and submitted a more detailed analysis in December 2000. The Ombudsman's report and the comments are available at the repositories (Hartville Public Library & Lake Township Offices). These documents can also be accessed at the EPA's web site (www.epa.gov/region5/sites). The EPA's mailing list has been revised to include residents within a mile of the site.

CCLT has submitted a letter of intent regarding the TAG grant. All applications are due by February 20, 2001. If the CAG members have any questions, Sue Pastore should be called.

The EPA is still reviewing the PRPs proposal to change the design of the cap from the traditional hazardous waste cap to a phyto cap. This proposal would involve the planting of trees and bushes as well as monitoring and ongoing evaluation of test results.

Denise then opened the floor to questions.

Denise stated that she was the community contact person for the CAG, but Tom Bloom is the contact person for the redevelopment grant.

Denise agreed to check on questions about whom will own the landfill after the remedy is applied, and the surrounding properties when the landfill situation is resolved. She will notify Carolyn Casey, John Ondick, or Dave Herbert with the response. Additionally, Mr. Herbert stated that he believed the IEL site would be subject to deed restrictions and that the surrounding properties would probably be first deeded to the state and perhaps to local authority or local control

Mr. Herbert mentioned that information had been sent to Tom Bloom as to the CAG grant. There has been no response on that information yet. Denise agreed to check on the status of the proposed work plan and the application agreement. She will also ask Mr. Bloom to contact the CAG group's spokesperson, John Ondick.

Currently the EPA is working on an amended Record of Decision. This plan should be available approximately late April or early May for public comment. The public would then have 30-days to respond. During this time, a public hearing would also be held. After all public responses are in, the EPA would then respond to the comments.

Denise Battaglia reiterated that she would check on several items that had come up during the meeting.

The following is a list of questions that Denise is checking on:

1. Who will own the landfill and surrounding area after clean up?
2. What is the status of the work plan, application agreement, and redevelopment plan with Tom Bloom's office?
3. Can Tom Bloom attend a CAG meeting in the future?
4. Is there an organizational chart names and titles for the U.S. EPA staff online? If there is not, she will send a hard copy to Carolyn Casey.

Tom Shalala stated that he had two copies of Sharp's monitoring well assessments. These copies are available for the CAG members to sign out.

The meeting was unanimously adjourned at 8:45 p.m. The next meeting will be held on February 17, 2001 at 9:00 a.m.