

NOVEMBER 12, 2019  
LEPC MEETING MINUTES

Meeting opened at 9:06 a.m. by Acting Chair, David Vollrath.

Motion by Jerry Sirk; second by Sara Orpurt to approve *September 17, 2019* minutes as presented. Passed by unanimous vote.

Public Comment: None

**Information Coordinator Report:**

Deputy Albers reported he has requested CSX and CN rail to do a flow study of chemicals on what types are traveling through our area.

He also reported that he and Capt. Adams attended a two-day *Operation Railsafe* training with Amtrak PD. Good networking and information sharing. Two table-top exercises were conducted as well. Right now their trains run at 110 mph. Their goal is to be 136 mph by next summer and make the trip from Detroit to Chicago in less than 5 hours. There is a one hour on-line training course available at <https://www.railsafe.net/web-based-training.html>.

**Membership Report:**

Gayle presented the nominations for Primary membership as recommended from the Nomination Subcommittee which met on 11/4/19. 32 applications were reviewed at this meeting. A motion was made by Sara Orpurt; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Dan Durham to accept the recommended Primary membership nominations as presented. Motion carried by unanimous vote.

The floor was then open to any new nominations. Hearing none, new nominations was closed.

The next step will be for the Executive Committee to get together and review the official roster to make sure no names were missed or incorrect disciplinary groups assigned. The chair will sign with his consent and the roster will be submitted to MSP/EMHSD for approval. Once approved by MSP, it will be sent on to the Michigan Citizen Community Emergency Response Coordinating Council (MCCERCC) as our official record.

**Capt. Adams:**

Capt. gave a brief presentation on a small spill that occurred Oct. 30, 2019 @ 1650 hours in Lake Michigan in Portage, IN. The spill involved Hexavalent Chromium which is used in steel mills, electroplating, textile dying, by welders, etc. Portage IN is close to our Michigan border so it was monitored for any affects to our drinking water supply.

**Closing Comments:**

Julius followed up on his report from our last meeting that their township is in the process of writing a rental ordinance. Their first task is defining "short term" rental. They have two facilities that are used for weddings, etc. but they also want to include weekend/weekly summer rentals. Sara added that each municipality defines their own term and they all vary.

Capt. Adams advised that this is good to be on top of, but reminded the committee that the LEPC is not the committee to enforce or make recommendations in this type of planning.

Motion to adjourn at 9:48 a.m. by Julius Grau; 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sara Orpurt. Motion carried.  
Meeting adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

  
Gayle Bassett  
Secretary

David Vollrath  
Acting Chair

**Member Attendance:**

*Rockey Adams, Dave Vollrath, Dave Albers, Gayle Bassett, Paul Bailey, Ron Bush, Vince DesJardins, Jerry Sirk, Sara Orpurt, Julius Grau, Dan Durham, and Jack Fisher.*

**Guest Attendance:**

*Mike Phelps, Mike Mattix, Frank DeLaTorre, Tony Martin, Bob Harrison, Jessica Clark, Fabio Cesar, Robert Jabkowski, Tim Thompson, Aundrey Mason, and Stephen Eccles.*