

**Portage Lake Watershed Forever**      **DRAFT #2**  
**Council Meeting - April 28, 2015 - Farr Center, Onekama**

**Present:** Bee Capper, Jamie Meister, Al Taylor, Frank English, Mary Reed, Kathy Ervin, Susan Spencer, Alice Hendricks, Jim Simons, Herb Le

**Absent:** Gail Drake, Braden Hagen, Jim Mrozinski

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00.
<b>AGENDA</b>	Mary added "By Laws Revision" under Old Business
<b>MINUTES</b>	Correction: "East Street" to "Easy Street"
<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	■ <b>Financial</b> - Treasurer Frank English provided current information about fund balances and distributed report. (See attachment) Dan suggested that Frank report a breakout of Endowment interest earned.
<b>STUDENT REPRESENTATIVE</b>	■ No report.
<b>COMMITTEES</b>	■ <b>Education</b> - Dan reported that two education seminars be presented: 1) Wetlands; 2) Shorelines. Suggested assembly/distribution of homeowner packets. Proposed a fishing seminar to focus on Portage Lake. Frank English and Ralph Drumm were suggested as possible resources. Suggested creating a "Fishing Committee" to engage interest and community participation.  ■ <b>Fundraiser</b> - Jamie Meister reported that eleven benches are committed for the auction. Kathy said there was a need for underwriters and asked that council members participate in soliciting funds.

- **Water Quality & Environmental Monitoring** - Mary said that the PLM Newsletter Spring newsletter will be posted on our website. Urged us to view it there to increase website traffic. Al will find out from MS Creative re: 'hits' info for our site.
  
- **Wetlands & Critical Lands** -Dan reported a meeting with AES to get help with the project. Also said: Four wetland "pods" have been identified from the Village to Easy Street. Information about the 'pods' will include a description of the land, owners, and a case statement. The committee is meeting with the GT Conservancy (30th) for a tour and strategy session. Proposed establishing two groups: a leadership team and an implementation team (the legs). Focus will be on wetlands, scenic views, recreational use, protecting natural shore lines' and fish spawning grounds..

*Point of Interest* - Al suggested that we set some time aside this summer for consideration of the potential of a sewer being built around the lake. Brief discussion; group agreed.

- **Membership Update** - Mary said that memberships are still arriving but didn't have the final count.

## REPORTS

**Shoreline Protection - Riparian Overlay** - Mary said that we will be asked to review Planning Commission's proposed ordinance overview. Proposed holding a work session as our comments are due in August. She will e-mail information to Council members.

- **May Day Clean-up** - Bee said that five sites/area had been established, and arrangements made for garbage and composting pick-up made. Being done in cooperation with the Manistee Conservation District. May 1, Village Park, 10:00.
  
- **Arbor Day Celebration** - Herb talked briefly about plans for the Arbor Day activities which will include a presentation by Josh Shields, County Forester, potted tree planting. May 9th North Point Park, 10:00. Bring gloves and shovels.

- **Storm Drain Signs** - Bee said that the Village had approved the project but she had yet to hear from DOT. Target date is mid-summer. Decision yet to be made on what kind of labeling would be most appropriate. "Only Rain Down The Drain" - motto.

#### NEW BUSINESS

No new business

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **Onkama Days** - Kathy moved that we purchase a kayak to be raffled off. Al will get the kayak; Kathy will get Raffle license and do signs, etc.
- **Goals & Potential Partners** - Kathy distributed a list of the potential partners listed in the Watershed Plan and asked that council members indicate which group/organizations they would like to 'research'. Goal is to find out where activities overlap, duplicate or need attention.
- **Watershed Banner / Wetland Sign** - Kathy got quotes from Amor re: cost of banner and estimates for wetland signage. Issue with banner: what should it say. Wetland sign info will go to the Joint Parks & Recreation Committee for their action.
- **Sailboat Donation** - Based on previous discussion and advice, Kathy moved that we should graciously thank the donors but not accept the donation.
- **Administrative Assistant** - Kathy said the AED had just e-mailed a contract to her for the Executive Committee's approval. Contract will have to be signed by Mary. Kathy will develop a job application and make arrangements for it to be publicized.
- **By-Laws Revision** - No action taken.
- Meeting was adjourned at 8:40.

#### ADJOURN

#### NEXT MEETING

May 26th - 7:00 - Farr Center

enon, Dan Behring, Jeneanne Fitzgerald

Decision/Recommendation/Action

Approved as amended

Dan moved; Herb 2nd. Approved as amended.

Kathy moved; Bee 2nd. Report approved.  
Frank will report as requested.

Kathy will e-mail list of potential underwriters to council members.

MS Creative info from AI.

Work session w/be scheduled.

Flyer will be posted.

Kathy moved; Alice seconded. Approved. Al will be reimbursed.

Kathy will revise matrix for legibility and e-mail to council members.

Kathy moved; Jamie 2nd. Approved.

Kathy w/ develop job application.