

Farr Center – Onekama - 7:00 – 9:00 - Tuesday, August 31, 2010

Present: Kathy Ervin, Mike Acton, Mary Reed, Alice Hendricks, Frank English, Herb Lenon, Eric Beeman, Grant Poole, George and Margaret Panches, Al Taylor, Howard and Pat Hughes, Jim Simons, Ralph Drumm, Leonard Rossa

Welcome - Called to order by President Kathy Ervin at 7:00pm. Kathy reviewed and the committee approved the April 2010 meeting minutes.

2. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Frank English reviewed Annual fund returns. The one year annual return was approx 20% while the 2nd QTR 2010 was approximately -4%. The current balance of the endowment is \$72,550.03. Annual Fund balance is \$12,919.46. The July Cocktail Party gross was \$14,170. Final amount will be reported after all expenses have been received and paid.

3. Grant Status – Kathy Ervin discussed the following grant possibilities:

a. *“Water Access Development Project Grant”, a.k.a. Explore the Shores..* The grant is being pursued by the Alliance for Economic Success (AES) on behalf of the watershed council. The \$34,000 grant is currently in the approval process at Michigan DNR-E and the National Oceanic and Atmospheric Administration and would provide monies to conduct an engineering and feasibility study for township & Village parks. If granted the funds would lay groundwork for Onekama area parks secure additional development funding for universal access.

b. *“Rainwater Catch Basin Grant”.* The Manistee County Community Foundation denied this grant for a small rainwater catch garden to be located at the Farr Center. We were informed that the number of grant requests MCCF far exceeded the amount they had available.

c. *Clean Water Act, Section 319 Grant.* Dan Behring reported on a meeting he, Mary Reed and Kathy Ervin attended dealing with non-point source pollution grant possibilities. A 25% match is possible. An extended discussion followed on whether to apply for these grants. Motion passed to pursue these grants.

4. Storm Drain Testing – Mary Reed confirmed receipt of storm drain testing performed March 26th, 2010. Some phosphorus loading noted but more measurements are needed as samples were taken after dry spell in March. Jim Simons cautioned that the Village is leading a project to divert artesian well runoff to storm drains and away from sanitary sewers. This may impact any additional measurement programs. Mary agreed to inform Lakeshore Environmental.

5. State of the Lake – Mary Reed and Herb Lenon also reviewed the 2009 report from Lakeshore Environmental that received a final update in August 2010. The report estimated previous aquatic weed treatments were 90% effective in eliminating invasive weed growth but they felt this was somewhat optimistic. The Year 2 September phragmites treatment is soon to be initiated. The initial 2010 report is expected late Fall 2010.

See Attachment #1 for the overview from Mary Reed. See Attachment #2 for water test results

Measured in summer 2010. Grant Poole also shared dissolved oxygen test results. Positive readings for fish population were recorded. Dan Behring suggested that we share any future purchases of monitoring equipment with Bear Lake Watershed and the Tribe.

6. State of the Watershed Plan - Kathy Ervin said that a review of the PLWF Plan was conducted last winter to identify progress made in meeting plan goals and objectives. She suggest that a follow-up be conducted and asked Council members volunteer to determine the current status of each. After some apprehension, the following owners were recorded:

- a. Goal #1, Public Health – Mike Acton and Kathy Ervin
- b. Goal #2, Aquatic Ecosystem – Al Taylor and the Invasive Species Committee
- c. Goal #3, Water Based Recreation – Alice Hendricks and Frank English
- d. Goal #4, Natural Resource and Cultural Assets – Howard Hughes and Margaret PUNCHES (PLA) and Mary Reed
- e. Goal #5, Local Management and Implementation – PLWF Council (Kathy Ervin)

Reports are expected to be made at the first meeting after the New Year.

7. 2010 Elections – Mike Acton nominated the following for 2010/2011:

- a. Kathy Ervin, President
- b. Frank English, Treasurer
- c. Grant Poole, Secretary
- d. Mary Reed, Resident Vice President
- e. Tim Wade, Seasonal Vice President

Nominations were unanimously accepted by the board.

8. Village Park Survey Results – Alice Hendricks shared a copy of 2010 Village Park Survey results. See Attachment #3 for survey results.

9. Next Meeting - The next meeting will be held October 26th, 2010 at Farr Center 7:00-9:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:40 p.m.

Eric Beeman
PLWF Secretary

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