

## Portage Lake Watershed Forever

Council Meeting - June 27, 2017- Farr Center, Onekama

**Present:** Shaughn Barnett, Al Taylor, Lee Nordloh, Herb Lennon, Ted Lawrence, Jim Simons, Mary Reed, Pat Lawrence, Susan Halloran, K

**Absent:** Jamie Meister, Jim Mrozinski, Frank English

**Guest:** Laura Heintzelman

Agenda Item	Discussion
<b>CALL TO ORDER</b>	Al Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02.
<b>AGENDA</b>	Ervin moved, Lennon seconded.
<b>MINUTES</b>	Reed moved; Capper seconded that the May 30th minutes be accepted as corrected.
<b>FINANCIAL REPORT</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ Simons reported that, as the end of April, fund balances were: Wetlands - \$5,938.34; Annual - \$43,667.90 which reflected the first payment for Update facilitation. The endowment, which is formulated quarterly, remains at \$152,720.66.</li></ul> <p>Capper reported a \$75 donation made in her name from one of the members of the Rug Hooking School; Reed reported a donation of \$200 from the Onekama Lions.</p> <p>Nordloh moved that the report be approved; Capper seconded.</p>
<b>PRESENTATION</b>	<b>PLWF/MCCF/AES Relationship</b> - Laura Heintzelman, director of the Manistee County Community Foundation (MCCF), provided background information about community foundations (65 in Michigan; over 1,000 country-wide) and the work they do: build a source of community capital; make grants; and act as a neutral convener on behalf of the community. She also distributed a chart illustrating PLWF's relationships with MCCF and the Alliance for Economic Stability (AES). <i>See attached.</i> She answered questions and was lauded for her clear explanation of a complicated affiliation. She skedaddled at 7:45.
<b>COMMITTEE REPORTS</b>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"><li>■ <b>Education &amp; Communications</b> - Reed spoke briefly about the Michigan Shoreline Protection program and suggested that we schedule a program in the second half of August to bring in speakers about the effort. Lynise Hensel was mentioned as the organizer of such an event. Discussion followed related to identifying keystone property owners around the lake who could participate as pilot projects. Several names were mentioned; follow-up to occur to get commitments. "The greatest motivators are neighbors." Ervin moved that we support holding a program; T. Lawrence seconded.</li></ul>

- **Water Quality and Environmental Monitoring** - The issue of more e-coli testing of Portage Lake was discussed. Was pointed out that the village park swimming area is tested weekly using standard criteria. Little Eden, Portage Point Inn, and the Covenant Bible Camp swimming areas are not tested. Both camps have expressed support for testing and, as they are private, would have to cover related expenses. Our focus should be on public access sites. As there has been no evidence of e-coli in the lake, the current practice will stay in place.

**Swimmers' Itch** - As we have not established a formal mechanism for reporting incidents of swimmers' itch, Ted Lawrence volunteered to post his phone number for people to call if they experience it. Locations suggested were the post office, village park, township hall, web-site and other sites.

- **Membership** - Pat Lawrence said that we have 42 new members and a total of 106 memberships, many of which are families or represent more than one person. The amount of the membership dues amounts to \$5,790.
- **Fundraising** - Halloran reported that plans were well underway for the fundraiser and that she was going to meet with Ted and Pam Arens to go over details. She passed around a 'Sign-Up' sheet for council members to indicate which 'jobs' they will volunteer to do. So far, 32 people have indicated they will attend; our experience is that the majority of attendees simply show up at the 'door'.
- **Publicity** - Ervin said the fundraiser press release and article would be written a couple of weeks prior to the event. Posters will be displayed around town.

#### NEW BUSINESS

- **Shoreline Protection Program** - See *Education & Communication*

#### OLD BUSINESS

- **PLWF Plan Update** - Taylor reported that work is going forward. Announced that Kevin Hughes has agreed to serve on the Steering Committee and that Paul Fairchild will help with financial strategies. The first Public Meeting will be held on August 1st at the Farr Center. E-mail surveys will also be sent out.

#### UPDATES

**Langland Park Dedication** - Brief reminder that the "turnaround" (Langland Park on Lake Michigan) was dedicated on June 22nd. Several speakers including \_\_\_\_\_ from the \_\_\_\_\_.

**Upcoming events** - Two "Special Use Permit" public hearings are scheduled: 1) July 13 at 6:30 regarding the special use permit for Portage Point Inn; **DATE, Time, location** for the proposed expansion of the Little Eden Camp.

**Adjourn**

There being no further business, Halloran moved adjournment; Nordloh seconded.

**NOTE:**

**There is no Council meeting in July. The next meeting is scheduled for August 29, 2017.**

athy Ervin

**Action**

Agenda approved.

Minutes approved.

Financial Report approved.

Motion carried.

**AL - His name?**

**AI - Date/time/location?**

Meeting adjourned at 8:30.