

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

Council Meeting - April 25, 2017- Farr Center, Onekama

Present: Al Taylor, Shaun Barnett, Kayla Kroll, Bee Capper, Pat Lawrence, Jim Simons, Frank English, Jim Mrozinski, Mary Reed, Ted L Nordloh, Susan Halloran, Kathy Ervin

Absent: Jamie Meister

Agenda Item	Discussion
CALL TO ORDER	Al Taylor called the meeting to order at 7:02.
AGENDA	No additions to the agenda.
MINUTES	Report from the Water Quality and Monitoring Committee were corrected to read <i>researching</i> instead of <i>testing</i> treatment of narrow leaf and hybrid cattails. English moved; Capper seconded motion to accept minutes as amended.
FINANCIAL REPORT	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Simons reported 2017 expenditures of \$896.63. (See attached) Reed pointed out that the funds paid for membership letter and mailing. Taylor said that our insurance payment had been sent to AES but had not yet been posted. Taylor said the Lions had requested a donation to help with Onekama Days activities. Discussion/consensus to pass. Mrozinski moved; Ervin seconded to accept the financial report.
COMMITTEE REPORTS	<ul style="list-style-type: none">■ Nominating Committee - No report■ Education & Communication Committee - No report.■ Water Quality and Environmental Monitoring - Reed said that treating narrow leaf cattail was still being studied but that little progress seems to have been made. Lennon questioned the need to treat and pointed out that loons, muskrats and other birds depended on them for nesting. Lake Manager Contract - Reed recommended that the committee meet again to go over the Lake Manager's proposed contract.■ Membership - Chair Pat Lawrence reported that MCCF had received 59 responses to the membership mailing, more than half of which were new members. The results reflect mainly <i>family</i> and not individual members. In addition, contributions to the Wetlands Fund were \$325; to the Endowment Fund: \$645.

- **Fundraising** - Halloran presented the \$3,456 contract from The Bungalow to Taylor for signature. The caterer requested a \$500 deposit. Confirmed that the annual party is scheduled for July 22 at the Arens' home. Ervin will make arrangements for printing of envelopes so that addressing could take place soon.
- **Publicity** - Taylor said that he "keeps plugging away". Watershed information/updates were included in the PLA newsletter. Taylor asked for volunteers to help pass out the newsletter. (Julie Lapinski has copies available for distribution.) He also said that he was meeting with MS Creative to see about 'mobile friendly' capabilities.

NEW BUSINESS

- **Onekama Block Party** - Ervin announced plans to hold a community 'block party' on Thursday, July 6 being spearheaded by Bonnie at the Yellow Dog and Ashley Bradford at _____ . Goal is to involve all businesses and organizations in the community. She suggested that the watershed Council participate by setting up a table/display. Suggestion was made that the MCD demonstrate boat washing during the event. Further information is available at "Yellow Dog".

OLD BUSINESS

- **Northsky Contract approval for PLWF Plan Update** - Taylor distributed the Scope of Work (SOW) proposal received from Northsky's Colleen Masterson to facilitate update of the plan. Simon asked how many were interviewed and maintained that at least three were necessary. Ervin pointed out that we were not spending public funds and that three proposals were not necessary; that we had considered or contacted at least four other organizations/individuals and determined that Masterson was the best fit. Pending a definitive judgment on how many quotes were required, Reed moved acceptance of the contract; T. Lawrence seconded.
- **Progress re: Teams for PLWF Plan Update** - Taylor said that teams/committees were being identified and 'populated': Steering Committee, Advisory Committee, Financial Development Committee. All Council members are assumed to be on Advisory committees; Taylor, Ervin, Reed and T. Lawrence have agreed to serve on the Steering committee.

UPDATES

- **Michigan Lakes & Streams Conference** - Reed and Capper attended the conference at Crystal Lake and reported on several topics. See Attached.
- **Manistee Conservation District** - Kayla Knoll passed around a brochure listing all of the impressive events planned by the MCD during the next several months. More information is available at www.manisteedc2.org.

- **LRBOI** - Shaun Barnett said that the Tribe's Fisheries Division is conducting a stream-side grayling rearing project in several Manistee River tributaries; the Sturgeon Weir project is on hold but a population assessment was held in Manistee Lake resulting in the tagging of 15 adult sturgeon.

ADJOURN

There being no further business, the meeting was adjourned at 8:20.

NEXT MEETING: May 23, 2017

Lawrence, Herb Lennon, Lee

Action

Agenda approved.

Minutes approved.

Budget approved.

Approved

Volunteers to do so?

Approved.