

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

Council Meeting - February 25, 2014 Farr Center, Oneka

Present: Mary Reed, Al Taylor, Herb Lennon, Frank English, Jim Simons, Kathy Ervin, Mick Nolan

Absent: Alice Hendricks, Tim Morley, Dan Behring, Jim Mrozinski, Jamie Meister, Lynette Maxey

Guests: Rob Carson (Manistee County Planner); Chris Riley (US Forest Service Fisheries Biologist)

Agenda Item

Discussion

CALL TO ORDER

Mary Reed called the meeting to order at 7:03. Noted the sparse attendance due to so many people being out of town.

AGENDA

No additions

MINUTES

Reviewed; corrections made.

REPORTS

■ **Financial** - Treasurer Frank English provided current information about fund balances. (See attached) Mary remarked that she and Kathy had attended the Manistee County Community Foundation's annual Funders Forum which provided a 2013 year-end review as well as the 2014 economic outlook on various funds invested through Morgan Stanley's Investment Advisory Services.

<p>PRESENTATION</p>	<p>Rob Carson, Manistee County Planner, presented information about efforts to introduce creation of Rain Gardens in Manistee County. Among other points made: he is applying for several grants, one of which will fund development of a series of water gardens at the Farr Center. Portage Lake Garden Club, the Onekama Village Council and the Watershed Council will be involved. Council provided a letter of support and expressed enthusiasm about this project.</p>
<p>REPORTS, con't</p>	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Education - Kathy Ervin spoke briefly about the timeliness of Rob's presentation as the Education Committee has determined that the watershed's education efforts this year will focus on "runoff" (which Rain Gardens are created to combat. Further details will be available as they are determined.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ 2014 Budget
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Website - Al, Mary and Kathy will meet with MS Creative to work further on this project.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Fundraiser - Jamie Meister and Kathy Ervin are co-chairing this year's party. In response to concern about holding it at Feldhak Park, Al suggested we contact the Portage Point Inn to see if it would be possible to hold it there. Kathy will follow-up. 2015 plans involve local artisans and another <i>a la</i> "Fish Out of Water" auction of creative and unique benches.
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Stream Temperature Monitoring - Chris Reilly (US Forest Service Fisheries Biologist) demonstrated how the water temperature equipment he is willing to loan to us for 5 years could be used to capture and monitor water temperature. Council is taking this project under advisement pending a decision about "who" and "why". .

	<p>■ Invasive Species - Mary reported that the Resolution of Intent was passed by the Township Board and was presented to the Village Council. to continued water monitoring and treatment of invasive species. In order to fund this program a renewal of the Special Assessment District process has begun. There will again be notices mailed to all landowners and information will be available. The first public hearing is scheduled for April 15th.</p>
	<p>■ Heb Lenon's "Basic Hydrology" handout was distributed. Ervin remarked that she found it very informative.</p>
OLD BUSINESS	<p>■ Update on Grants - No further information about the status of our SAW Grant.</p>
NEW BUSINESS	<p>None</p>
ADJOURN	<p>The Meeting was adjourned at 9:05. Next Meeting is March 27th at the Farr Center at 7:00 p.m.</p>

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Decision/Recommendation/Action
Motion to approve: Herb; 2nd - Jim Approved
Motion to approve Frank's Report: Kathy; 2nd - Jim Approved Copies of the Morgan Stanley presentation will be available at our next meeting.

Tabled until next meeting
AI will schedule meeting with Sarah at MS Creative.



Copies are available for those who did not receive one.

