

**Portage Lake Watershed Forever
Council Meeting - September 30, 2014 - Farr Center, Onekama**

Present: Frank English, Kathy Ervin, Alice Hendricks, Jamie Meister, Mary Reed, Jim Simons

Absent: Dan Behring, Al Taylor, Jim Mrozinski

Guests: Bee Capper, Gail Drake, Susan Spencer

Agenda Item	Discussion	Decision/Recommendation/Action
CALL TO ORDER	Mary called the meeting to order at 7:00 and welcomed guests.	
AGENDA	Proposed Agenda was approved.	Approved
MINUTES	Minutes approved. Order of agenda amended awaiting Frank's arrival.	Moved, Hendricks; Seconded, Meister.
COMMITTEES	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Education - Committee has not met. Will report at next meeting. ■ Fundraiser - Committee will have report at next meeting. ■ Water Quality and Environmental Monitoring - 1. Public Hearing - A public hearing was held on 9/11 at which there were five people in attendance; only one person objected to having his/her property treated but that, for the rest, Mary said that the hearing served as an educational opportunity. 2. Crowd Hydrology - Mary suggested that this topic be deferred until more of the committee members were present. 3. Phragmites, Japanese knotweed, purple loosestrife -Mary indicated that the situation with purple loosestrife would be evaluated and that perhaps beetles would be needed to treat it. 	Deferred
	<ul style="list-style-type: none"> ■ Wetlands - Scope of Project, education re: Conservancy. Topic is on hold until Dan Behring returns. Alice asked if the project would be handicapper accessible. Consensus was that it will be. 	

- **Membership** - Council considered a revised draft of the membership application and discussed strategy for increasing involvement. Suggestion was made that a mailing be sent in mid-October to supporters. Mailing would include the membership application, a cover letter, a return envelope, and the PLWF brochure. Suggestion was also made to contact Tom Gerhardt to see if membership info could be included in the "Grapevine"; also on the PLA's facebook. Decided against using the township tax mailing.

Jim moved that the application be approved as changed; Alice seconded. Passed. Kathy will take care of printing. Bee, Gail, Alice, Mary and Kathy will send out the mailing.

Let the record show that Frank English entered the chamber.

- **Financial** - Treasurer Frank English provided current information about fund balances. (See attached) Mary added that AES has modified their report to include more detail in the areas of Fundraising, Education/Outreach and Operating costs. Frank noted that both the AES and Manistee County Community Foundation give us excellent support and service.
- **Nominating Committee** - Chair Frank English and Mary distributed a handout detailing the current status of the Council and proposed a slate to be voted on at PLWF's Annual Meeting.

Motion was made by Frank, seconded by Jim, that the slate be accepted as presented. Approved.
- **Council Vacancy #1** - Mary made a motion that Susan Spencer be appointed to fill Lynette Maxey's vacant position. Susan is the recently hired administration of the Conservation District and a firm proponent of partnering.

Jamie seconded. The motion was approve.
- **Council Vacancy #2** - Mary introduced Bee Capper and Gail Drake who have expressed interest in sharing the position vacated by Tim Morley.

They would be filling a 1 year council seat vacancy and would have to be voted in for the 2015 council.

FALL ACTIVITIES

- **Scarecrow** - Frank and Jim volunteered to hammer together a 'shed' for PLWF's "Water Shed" scarecrow by October 5th. Mary and Kathy will finish the project.

Frank and Jim will frame up a shed.

NEW BUSINESS

- Superintendent Kevin Hughes requested time on the agenda for our next meeting.

OLD BUSINESS

- **Website** - Mary announced that she now can access our website. Yahoo. Also mentioned that PLWF is listed as a member of the "Great Lakes Clean Community Network" as a result of her having attended a meeting in Chicago. For more information about this initiative, go to <http://greatlakescleancommunities.weebly.com/>

ADJOURN

- The meeting was adjourned at 8:05.

Next meeting to be announced.