

Farr Center – Onekama - 7:00 – 9:00 - Tuesday, October 26, 2010

Present: Kathy Ervin, Mary Reed, Alice Hendricks, Mike Acton, Jim Simons, Dan Behring, Herb Lenon, Grant Poole, Allen Taylor, David VanEerden

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

2. Treasurer Report – Treasurer Frank English reviewed Annual fund returns. The current balance of the endowment is \$77,203.61. Annual Fund balance is \$ 23,468.13. The July Cocktail Party raised \$3,200.

3. Fund Raiser – The date was set of July 9, 2011 for the next community fund raiser

4. Manistee Museum - Motion was passed to donate \$100 to Manistee County Museum Historical Society to support efforts they've made to preserve the heritage of the area.

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 still 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 to secure additional development funding for universal access.

b. *Clean Water Act, Section 319 Grant.* A \$60,000 application was sent in with a focus on education in rain gardens and BMPs (*Best Management Practices*). A major component would be the development of school curriculum for the local area.

4. State of the Lake –

Invasive Species Update - Mary Reed supplied the Onekama Township “Invasive Species Report” for Oct 6, 2010. 86 total acres of water milfoil were treated in Portage Lake in 2010, down from 161 acres the previous year. 10 acres of Phragmites was treated in the township in 2010, compared to 81 the previous year.

Concerns were brought forward on other invasive species (*Autumn Olive, Garlic Mustard, Japanese Knotweed, and Purple Loosestrife*).

Report can be found at: <http://www.onekama.info/pla/>

5. Service Agreement – Changes to non-endowed services agreement between Manistee County Community Foundation and PLWF was passed

6. Public Comment - Dan Behring brought up concerns of area wetlands and suggested a master plan be created with Parks & Recreation to be good stewards of the area and land newly purchased.

7. **New Website** – Motion was passed to contribute \$150 to PLA new website improvements.

9. **Next Meeting** - The next meeting will be held January 18th, 2011 at Farr Center 7:00-9:00pm.

Meeting was adjourned at 8:30 p.m.

Grant Poole
PLWF Secretary