

Portage Lake Watershed Forever

Council Meeting - October 29, 2013 Farr Center, Onekama

Present: Al Taylor, Frank English, Mary Reed, Alice Hendricks, Dave VanEerden, Jim Simons, Kathy Ervin, Jim Mrozinski, Jamie Morley

Absent:

Guest(s): Kevin Hughes, Pat Benchley, Chris Cook (Abonmarche)

Agenda Item	Discussion
Introduction	Mary Reed introduced speakers - 7:00-ish
Program	Charter Boat Captains Kevin Hughes and Pat Benchley shared information about the Portage Lake and Lake Michigan fisheries.
	Mary Reed and Kathy Ervin introduced membership form and talked briefly about benefits/accomplishments of joining the PLWF.
Intermission	
Annual Meeting	Mary Reed reconvened PLWF Annual Meeting at 8:22
Approval of Agenda	No additions or corrections.
Approval of Minutes	October 1st minutes presented. New format. No objections.
Financial Report	Frank English presented Financial Report.
	1) Dave VanEerden asked which fund would provide PLWF's donation to help repair the Village's Boat Launch. Review of June 25th minutes confirmed that the \$1000 would come from available Endowment monies.
	2) Question was raised about which fund would receive membership dues. Answer: Annual Fund. Dave VanEerden made motion to that effect; Alice Hendricks Seconded.
	3) Al Taylor asked if it was necessary to create a reserve fund for 'earmarked' allocations. Conclusion: PLWF's 2013 Budget specifically indicates such expenditures so a reserve fund is unnecessary.
Elections	<i>By-Law Revision</i> - Prior to electing officer, Kathy Ervin suggested that the Council take action on a proposed change to Section 6.01 of the By-Laws. Committee Chair Jim Mrozinski moved for approval, Dan Behring Seconded.

	As chair of the Nominating Committee, Frank English presented the names of potential council members. Dan Behring moved to approve the slate, Al Taylor seconded.. Floor opened for further nominations. As there were none, nominations from the floor were closed and the motion carried.
	As the terms of office are staggered, council agreed to determine Council Members' tenure by a drawing.
New Business	Easy Street resident Mick Nolan asked that the Council address his concerns about debris/turbidity in the neighborhood canal. He had contacted both the County and the DEQ to ask that the water be tested but with no results. Discussion resulted in his learning that the stream (#9 Creek) has been monitored for the past four years. Most recent findings will be available in November.
	Kathy Ervin said that PLWF, with assistance from Abonmarche and under the auspices of the Township, will be applying for the DEQ's SAW Grant. Deadline for the application: December 2, 2013. Discussion re: Village's grant. Dan will confer with Rod Hudson to determine its focus.
Next Meeting	November 26, 2013 - 7:00 - Farr Center. There will be no December meeting.
Adjourn	The meeting was adjourned at 9:24.
Note	Al Taylor mentioned that the Conservancy has shifted focus from large land acquisition to smaller parcels. Suggested that the Wetlands Committee convene again to explore options related to Al's information.

Meister, Herb Lenon, Dan Behring, Tim
Decision/Recommendation/Action
Agenda approved
Minutes approved
Report approved.
Question answered.
Motion approved.
No further action taken.
By-Law revision approved.

Nominating Committee recommendations approved. (See attached)

Duration of terms attached.

Mr. Nolan will send his records & correspondence to PLWF Council for background. Frank will send a copy of the 2013 report to Mr. Nolan.

Dan Behring to call Hudson. Reed, et. al., to present to Township Board on Nov. 4th.