



PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER COUNCIL MEETING

May 31, 2016

CALL TO ORDER AT 7 PM - Mary Reed, Chair

COUNCIL MEMBERS PRESENT – Bee Capper, Kathy Ervin, Ted Lawrence, Herb Lenon, Jamie Meister, Jim Mrozinski, Mary Reed, Jim Simons, Al Taylor

GUESTS – Kayla Knoll, Shaughn Barnett

MINUTES OF APRIL MEETING MOVED TO APPROVED BY MROZINSKI, 2ND BY TAYLOR

FINANCIAL REPORT MOVED TO APPROVE BY ENGLISH, 2ND BY LAWRENCE

1. Report for ytd expenses compared to budget was distributed by Simons (attached)
2. Manistee Community Foundation is now a locally governed foundation and is no longer a part of the Muskegon Community Foundation. The rate of return for Foundation's combined investment pool for the first quarter of 2016 was +9.4%. We receive monthly reports for our annual fund, and quarterly for the Endowment and Wetlands funds.
3. The Manistee Community Foundation transferred \$5,000 from the PLWF Annual fund to AES for expenses. Motion to approve by ENGLISH, 2ND BY LENON

EDUCATION -

1. **RAIN GARDEN** – The rain garden at the Farr Center was constructed on May 27. Volunteers dug the ditches, moved stones and made a berm of mulch around the garden. Mike Acton assisted with his front loader and the project was directed by Rob Carson, the Manistee County Planner. It was completed in one day and ready for planting. The community planted the garden with 42 native plants on May 28. Funding for this project came from the Manistee Community Foundation, the Portage Lake Garden Club Ruth Heringlake Memorial, and the PLWF. It was supported by the Manistee Conservation District, the Manistee Planning Dept. and the Bear Lake Watershed. The dedication of the first Manistee Community Rain Garden will be held on July 28 with a program by Rob Carson on How to Build a Rain Garden..
2. **NATIVE PLANTS** – The Manistee Conservation District is having their first Native Plant sale on June 10th. Program on why we should plant native plants by Vern Stevens.

FUNDRAISER – Meister reported that the fundraiser is on schedule – Invitations were sent June 7. Bayside Gathering will be the caterer. Volunteers have been contacted. Date is July 23, 2016, Location is home of Ted and Pam Arens, 2110 Crescent Beach Road.

PUBLICITY/OUTREACH – Ervin reported that the banner is being finalized and the new brochures are at the printer..

WATER QUALITY/ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING –

1. Tentative dates for **treatment of Eurasian watermilfoil (ewm)** have been set for July 18, August 15 and September 26. Dates may change due to weather, holidays, permit requirements or other unforeseen circumstances. Additional information is available in the Spring Edition 2016 Portage Lake Newsletter.

2. **SWIMMERS ITCH RESEARCH PROJECT:** Ted Lawrence will chair the Swimmer’s Itch Research Project. Tammy Messner will assist. Two sites will be chosen to monitor and collect samples. They will work with the Oakland University graduate student to determine sites. Training is scheduled for June 6 and sites will then be determined. There is a meeting scheduled for June 22 in Roscommon MI and over 200 people are expected to attend. There is significant interest in swimmers itch in Michigan ... our Pure Michigan focus.

MEMBERSHIP - No change (138 members, April report)

WETLANDS/CRITICAL LAND - No additional information or meetings have been held. We will continue to work with Chris Sullivan from the GTRLC and monitor the progress on ways to protect and preserve our wetlands and identified critical lands.

NEW BUSINESS

1. Manistee Watershed Coalition name has been changed to Manistee Watershed Partnership. They will do a short presentation on Watershed Myths and review the positive watershed programs at the Manistee County Summit meeting on 9/15/16.
2. Volunteers are still needed for ciBioBase, storm drains, stream monitoring, MISIN. Gary Walters may be interested in assisting with the ciBioBase surveying. Chuck Reed will follow up with him and any others who are interested in assisting with this project.
3. Knoll reported that the Manistee Conservation District will be doing Stream Monitoring starting in October of this year. A grant for this project was received.
4. We are still looking for a representative on the council from the Village.
5. Shaughn Barnett, the Water Quality Specialist from the LRBOI reviewed the plans for the tribe to monitor the fisheries on several inland lakes. Surveys on walleyes and other fish will be monitored this summer in Manistee County at 17 sites.

OLD BUSINESS

1. PPI plans have been updated and are available on the Onekama.info website. An application for a special use permit has been submitted to the Onekama Planning Commission. A special hearing for public input has been scheduled for July 7th at 6 PM at the Onekama Township Office.
2. Kayak launch – waiting to hear grant application results.
3. WATERSHED PLAN- Reminder that our Watershed Management Plan will need to be reviewed BY 2018

Adjourn - 8:15 PM - ERVIN so moved; 2nd by MEISTER

NEXT MEETING - June 28, 2016

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Capper

YEAR TO DATE EXPENSES TO BUDGET REPORT – Jim Simons, Treasurer

ACTIVITY	2016 BUDGET	2016 EXPEN	2016 ADDS	2016 ACTUAL
CONTINGENCY	\$ 4,000.00			
EDUCATION, PUBLICITY	\$ 8,500.00			\$ 8,356.00
a. MAY DAY CLEAN-UP				
b. RAIN GARDEN				

c. PLA NEWSLETTER				
d. HYDROLOGY SIGN				
e. Riparian Magazin				
4/21/16 Renewal		\$	144.00	
ENDOWMENT DEVELOP.	\$	2,000.00		
FUND RAISING	\$	5,000.00		\$ 4,693.00
4/21/16 post cards		\$	69.00	
4/21/16 stamps		\$	170.00	
4/21/2016		\$	68.00	
LAKE/STREAM MONIT.	\$	3,000.00		\$ 3,135.00
a. CIBIOBASE				
b. WETLANDS			\$ 135.00	
MEMBERSHIP	\$	1,500.00		\$ 713.32
a. PRINTING				
1/19/16		\$	410.68	
b. MAILINGS				
c. POSTAGE				
1/19/16		\$	206.00	
4/21/16		\$	170.00	
d. MEMBERSHIP DUES			\$ 2,730.00	
1/19/16 Jackpine mail		\$	450.68	
1/19/16 Mary Reed Mail		\$	206.00	
1/19/2016			\$ 1,315.73	
4/14/2016			\$ 260.00	
OPERATING EXPENSES	\$	5,000.00		\$ 4,144.00
a. AES				
b. WEBSITE				
1/19/16		\$	40.00	
c. INSURANCE				
5/16/2016		\$	816.00	
d. ADMIN. ASSIST.				
e. JACKPINE				
5/16/2016		\$	113.65	
GRANTS	\$	5,000.00		
COUNCIL DEVELOPME	\$	2,000.00		
TOTALS	\$	33,000.00	\$ 1,039.68	\$ 4,180.73