



**PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER COUNCIL  
MINUTES FOR JANUARY 26, 2016**

**CALL TO ORDER AT 6:45**

**PRESENT WERE CAPPER, ENGLISH, ERVIN, LAWRENCE, LENON, MEISTER, MROZINSKI, REED, SIMONS, SPENCER, TAYLOR AND CONSERVATION SPECIALIST, KAYLA KNOLL**

**MOTION TO APPROVE AGENDA BY MROZINSKI, SECONDED BY ERVIN**

**MOTION TO APPROVE 12/1/15 MINUTES BY ENGLISH SECONDED BY LENON**

**REPORTS**

**CHAIR**

**REED REPORTED PLWF DID NOT RECEIVE THE \$83,000 MDEQ GRANT. WILL CONTACT GREG GAUDY FROM THE DEQ FOR ASSISTANCE TO UPDATE THE WATERSHED PLAN BY 2018 AND RECEIVE DEQ AND EPA APPROVAL OF THE PLAN.**

**PLWF DID RECEIVE \$1,000 GRANT FOR RAIN GARDEN AT FARR CENTER FUNDED BY MANISTEE COUNTY FOUNDATION ENVIRONMENTAL FUND AND THE OLSONS FOUNDATION. WORK ON CONSTRUCTION WILL BE COORDINATED WITH ROB CARSON AND PLGC AND THE VILLAGE.**

**FINANCIAL**

**APPROVAL OF 2016 BUDGET TO BE ADDRESSED AT FEBRUARY MEETING WHEN ACTUAL 2015 NUMBERS, MCF QUARTERLY REPORT IS AVAILABLE AND DETAIL ON 2016 PROJECTIONS WILL BE PRESENTED. MOTION TO POSTPONE APPROVAL OF BUDGET UNTIL FEBRUARY MEETING BY ENGLISH SECONDED BY ERVIN.**

**EDUCATION & COMMUNICATION**

**HOMEOWNERS' PACKETS WILL BE DISTRIBUTED THIS YEAR.**

**NEW PLWF BROCHURE MAY BE GIVEN TO PLA FOR THEIR WELCOME KITS.**

**WATER QUALITY**

**WATER QUALITY REPORT FOR PORTAGE LAKE HAS BEEN RECEIVED AND IS BEING REVIEWED FOR FINAL PRINTING. NOTABLE CHANGES IN WATER QUALITY WILL BE FORTHCOMING.**

**NOTIFICATIONS OF ECOLI SURVEYS AND SWIMMERS ITCH REPORTING PUT ON WEB SITES**

**ENVIRONMENTAL**

**TREATED ACREAGE OF PHRAGMITES IS DOWN FROM 84 ACRES IN 2009 TO 4 ACRES AND EURASIAN WATER MILFOIL (EWM) TREATED IN 2015 WAS 48 ACRES LESS THAN 2014. PRODUCTS ARE BEING ROTATED AND HIGHER CONCENTRATIONS ARE USED TO TREAT HYBRID SPECIES.**

**PLWF IS ONE OF 15 LAKES IN MICHIGAN THAT IS DOING TESTING OF PRODUCTS AND SPECIFIC EWM HYBRIDS. THIS IS PART OF A 300,000 GRANT TO IMPROVE TREATMENT OUTCOMES.**

**NATIVE PLANTS ARE DOING WELL.**

**RE: SEA WALLS - TARGET BUILDERS WITH GUIDELINES FOR DESIGN.**

## **MEMBERSHIP**

**THERE IS A GREAT NEED TO KEEP MEMBERSHIP LIST UPDATED.  
PAT LAWRENCE IS APPOINTED CHAIR. HOPE SHE'LL BE HAPPY ABOUT THAT!  
DISCUSSION ABOUT PLWF STICKERS, CALENDARS, ETC. COST ESTIMATES TO COME.**

## **FUNDRAISING**

**TENTATIVE DATE IS JULY 23<sup>RD</sup> AT A RESIDENCE TO BE DETERMINED**

## **PUBLICITY**

**NEED TO APPOINT A CHAIR TO GET PLWF NEWS OUT TO WEB SITES, LOCAL ORGANIZATIONS, NEWS PAPERS, RADIO.....**

## **NEW BUSINESS**

**2016 TIMELINE/CALENDAR DISTRIBUTED TO COUNCIL MEMBERS.**

## **OLD BUSINESS/UPDATES**

**KAYAK LAUNCH - ZERO DOLLAR LEASE AGREEMENT WITH THE MDNR IS BEING CONSIDERED BY ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP FOR THE DNR BOAT LAUNCH SITE. VILLAGE BOAT LAUNCH REPAIRS ARE COMPLETE. VILLAGE IS RESPONSIBLE FOR THE LAUNCH.**

**STORM DRAINS - WORK WITH JENEANNE FITZGERALD TO COMPLETE LABELING CiBioBase – SURVEYS AND REPORTS WERE COMPLETED IN 2013 AND 2014. THE WATER QUALITY AND ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING COMMITTEE RECOMMENDS WE CONTRACT TO DO THIS EVERY OTHER YEAR STARTING IN 2016.**

**CROWD HYDROLOGY – THE ADMINISTRATIVE ASSISTANT JENNIFER SCHOLL RECEIVED PRICING INFORMATION TO REPLACE THE SIGNS AT THE 5 STREAMS IN THE SPRING OF 2016.**

**LANGLAND - DEQ PERMITS ARE DONE. CONSTRUCTION STARTS APRIL – JUNE. DUNE REMOVAL TO COME WHEN PERMIT FROM MDEQ IS RECEIVED. PARKING IS AN ISSUE.**

**A LETTER OF SUPPORT HAS BEEN REQUESTED BY ONEKAMA TOWNSHIP IN SUPPORT OF THEIR GRANT REQUEST TO THE RURAL DEVELOPMENT U.S. DEPT OF AGRICULTURE FOR SEEKING FUNDS TO DEVELOP A MUNICIPAL WASTEWATER SYSTEM THAT WOULD SERVE MUCH OF THE AREA SURROUNDING PORTAGE LAKE. CONSENSUS TO SEND LETTER OF SUPPORT.**

## **SUSAN SPENSER - MCD**

**2/4 - LOCAL WATERSHEDS MEET AT NEW MCD CONFERENCE ROOM**

**2/11 - MCD ANNUAL MEETING**

**APRIL - NATIVE TREE SALE**

**CONSERVATION ON THE TOWN EVENT TO BE ORGANIZED BY KAYLA KNOLL**

**STREAM SAMPLING GRANT NEEDS LETTER OF SUPPORT – COUNCIL WILL SUPPORT.**

**ADJOURN AT 8:15**

**Respectfully submitted,**

*Bee Capper, Secretary  
Portage Lake Watershed Forever Council*