



PORTAGE LAKE WATERSHED FOREVER COUNCIL
MINUTES OF MARCH 29, 2016
Farr Center, Onekama MI

CALL TO ORDER AT 7PM by Chair Mary Reed

PRESENT: H.LENON, T. LAWRENCE, P. LAWRENCE, A.TAYLOR, J.MEISTER, B.CAPPER,
K.KNOLL, K.ERVIN, J.MROZINSKI

MINUTES OF FEBRUARY MEETING MOVED TO APPROVE BY TAYLOR, 2ND BY ERVIN

FINANCIAL REPORT MOVED TO APPROVE BY J.MROZINSKI, 2ND BY J.MEISTER

EDUCATION: Follow-up with Onekama School Principal to present Kayla Knoll's WATERSHED power point to 4th grade. Kayla to contact Gina Hagan.

PUBLICITY/OUTREACH - New brochure approved, still working on banner art. Fundraiser "Save the Date" will be mailed the end of April

WATER QUALITY/ENVIRONMENTAL MONITORING - presentation of a simplified version of the report to be distributed via FB, web sites etc. Stream #9 too high in Phosphorus thus a need to monitor farther upstream. Third Street storm drain also had a high phosphorus level and needs additional monitoring.

MEMBERSHIP - 5 new since last meeting with total of 117

WETLANDS/CRITICAL LAND - Nothing to report on East end of lake. Contact with GTRLC continues.

NEW BUSINESS

Kayak Launch : Motion to pledge \$5,000 by Taylor if the grant is funded. ,2nd by T.Lawrence
Arbor Day ; will be May 7, 2016 in Onekama Village Park at 10 AM. Information packets will be available. Josh Shields will present program. MCD received oak wilt grant funds.

Langland Park - construction to begin end of April.

CiBioBase - Volunteers still needed to complete aquatic plant lake surveys.

Storm Drain labeling Project – B. Capper will direct storm drain labeling. There are storm drains in the Village.

MISIN – Council members to ID and report invasives to MISIN on their iphone.

Stream Monitoring - Everyone can perform stream monitoring easily by using their iphones. Reed will get new signs. Taylor will post information and locations to FB and web sites.

Watershed Management Plan updates - Reed /Ervin will coordinate work sessions to update
Swimmers Itch Research Project – council approved having 2 sites. Training for swimmer's itch volunteers will be held in May.

M22 scenic highway designation - application will be completed and sent the end of April with help from MDOT. Report by A. Taylor

Adjourn - 8:25 PM

NEXT MEETING: April 26, 2016 AT 7PM.

Respectfully Submitted,
B. Capper

