

Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership  
October 22, 1007 Meeting  
GVSU-AWRI

Minutes

Attendance: Cynthia Price, Bob Fountain, Jerry Garman, Vicki Webster, Collette Klukos, Janet Vail, Carl Ruetz, Dennis McKee, Kathy Evans.

Cynthia opened the meeting at 12:00 noon.

Kathy distributed handouts of a five-page chart showing the five (5) approved BUI targets listed and the progress and future needs related to development of the BUI Removal Strategy. The chart followed a timeline showing 2007, 2008, 2009 and 2010. Kathy is gathering the information as background for the facilitator and participants of the upcoming BUI removal strategic plan process.

Kathy noted that a facilitator is listed as match in the current Muskegon Lake "PAC Support" grant.

Cynthia noted that she is working with a good facilitator on another project and will check to see if he will assist us.

The group recommended using \$500 of the MLWP unrestricted funds to pay a facilitator if it is needed. Jerry Garman noted that it would be difficult to get 10 hours of work for that amount. Vicki noted that health educators rate is \$60/hr and that she will check on their availability for \$500.

It was decided to cancel the MLWP's regular November meeting and to host a special meeting on November 29<sup>th</sup> for the EPA/Biohabitats public workshop on the Draft Muskegon Lake Corridor/Ruddiman Creek Ecological Restoration Master Plan.

The MLWP discussed and supported the vision and principles of the draft ecological restoration plan. It was noted that a reference site and lake level drop needs to be addressed in the plan.

Bob Fountain offered to get the Lakeshore Drive landowners mailing list to Kathy so she can mail out the project flyer and invitations for the November 29 public workshop.

The group discussed the drinking water BUI and the previous guidance provided by Doug Daniels and DEQ Geological Survey Division and the County health department.

Rick will work with Julie to develop draft BUI target language for the Drinking Water BUI.

A discussion about the Bear Lake TMDL and the emerging local effort for increased partnerships and stronger public involvement took place. Kathy will call Kim Arter about joining the MLWP.

An update by members was given about the Division St. Outfall contaminated sediment cleanup project. City marina, day-to-day activities, bike path and festivals are all activities that will be worked with closely. Doug Sayles is special events coordinator for the City. Kathy noted that the feasibility study is underway and that landowner cooperation will be critical for staging.

The potential beneficial reuse and soil washing of the material was briefly revisited. Dennis noted that the Consumers Energy property, east of the Causeway (potential soccer field site) could possibly use material to terrace and landscape it as it is currently crowned.

Meeting adjourned at 1:35 p.m.

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