

Flint River Watershed-Lapeer Committee

The monthly meeting of the Lapeer Chapter of the Flint River Watershed Coalition took place on November 2, 2004 at the John T. Rich Building, 1800 Inlay City Road in Lapeer. Chairperson Ken Elwert, called the meeting to order at 7:05 p.m.

Officers in Attendance: Ken Elwert (chairperson), Leo Dorr (treasurer)

Members: Peter McCreedy, Carl Haas, Carolyn Heidemann, Peggy Johnson, Marian Listwak, Fiona Fairty, and Scott Fairty.

Rotary Club Guests: Dave Woolfenden, Kathleen B. Whitman, and Michael C. Delling.

1) Business Items

- a) The meeting began with introductions
- b) Approval of the minutes: Peter McCreedy made a motion to approve the October 5, 2004 minutes. Carolyn Heidemann supported and the motion passed.
- c) Ken Elwert made the announcement that this will be the last meeting of the year. The next meeting will be January 4, 2005 at the Historic Courthouse downtown Lapeer.
- d) Ken requested permission for our group to allow him to pursue a free advertising opportunity in the County Press. The group granted him permission.

2) Status Reports/Discussion

- a) Possible Partnership with the Rotary Club.
- b) Ken introduced members from the Rotary Club. The Rotary Club is a service organization made up from members from the business community. They would like to be involved with the River Clean-up project. They have 55 members, of which 30-40 members are actively involved. They would also like to be involved with the spring and fall Stream Monitoring. Their participation may be dependant on whether or not training is made available.
- c) River Cleanup
 - Status: Peter McCreedy & Scott Fairty reported that all the sites on the city property south of Oregon Rd have been looked at with Joe Leonardi (MDNR Fisheries). Sixteen logjams were found, of those there are 5-6 jams to clear.
 - Tentative plans were discussed to do another clean up on Saturday November 7th. It would be weather dependant.
 - Ken Elwert will send the Rotary club members a copy of the strategic plan. Dave Woolfenden and Michael C Delling may want to become project leaders.
 - Ken Elwert volunteered also to contact Joe Leonardi about methods for continuing this project through the winter months.
 - Tentative projects dates for next year. Linda Berker from the Nepessing Group of the Sierra Club requested dates for clean up projects, which could put on the Sierra Club's annual outings calendar. The group felt that they could not give specific dates at this time.
- d) Budget Request for next year: Ken Elwert will be attending a finance committee meeting in Flint and will be developing a budget request for next year.

3) Other items as needed;

- a) Currently the group has only spent \$800 of the approved \$2,850.
- b) A wish list of the following items, which would make up two kits to be used for river clean up project, was compiled.
 - (a) 2 cross cut saws
 - (b) 2 loppers
 - (c) 2 per kit waders (4 total)
 - (d) 2 first aid kits
 - (e) 2 dry bags for cell phones
 - (f) 2 winches
 - (g) Additional chain saws.
- c) Marian Listwak made a motion to have the wish list taken before the FRWC board for approval of expenses. Scott Fairty seconded the motion. The motion carried.
- d) Benthic monitoring kits were discussed. No action will be done at this time.
- e) Next meeting will be held January 4, 2005, 7:00 PM, Historic Courthouse, Downtown Lapeer.
- f) Marian Listwak announced that a Wild Lapeer Planning Committee meeting would be held November 16th at 7:00 PM at the Historic Courthouse.
- g) Meeting Adjourned.

Respectfully submitted,

Marian Listwak