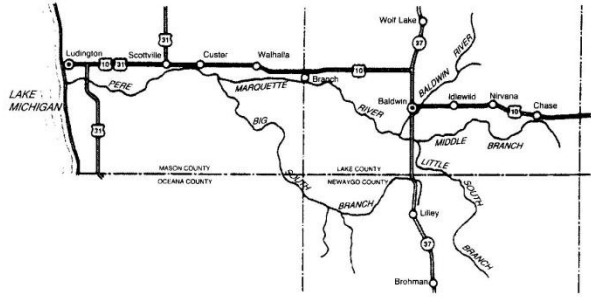


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 9:00 A.M. April 1, 2017 Lake-Osceola State Bank, Baldwin Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Paul Bigford at 9:03 a.m.
2. Attendance: Wayne Andersen, Mike Batcke, Paul Bigford, Jim Bos, Jay Barnhart, Dave Gabrielson, Marv Hanna, Michael Hoag, Scott Lachniet, Tom Seroczynski, Chuck Turk
Excused: Jeff Carpenter, John Karakashian, Mark Raven
Absent:
Guests: No guests
3. Minutes of the March 4, 2017 meeting of the PMWC. Motion to approve the minutes was made by Chuck Turk and seconded by Wayne Andersen – minutes were approved.
4. President's Notices:
 - A. Welcome Guest:
 - B. Six teams have already signed up for the C4C.
 - C. The PM Chapter of TU is scheduled to have their banquet and fund raising auction in June. A Stealthcraft drift boat will again be a signature auction item.
 - D. According to Pete DeBoer, there are now 31 conservation easements on the PM river system which accounts for about 32 miles of protected stream banks.

Old Business

5. Financial Integrity:
 - A. The treasurer's report indicated that as of March 31, 2017 we had \$89,489.15 available and were on budget for the year. Jim Bos moved to approve the treasurer's report, seconded by Marv Hanna – motion passed
 - B. The PMWC Endowment is now at about \$76,000 after receiving contributions of \$1,600 in 2016 and getting a return on investment of about 9%.
6. Watershed Restoration/ River Management:
 - A. Restoration Committee:
 - The committee met on March 28 2017. There was some discussion on the Rail Road crossing project in that things seemed to have slowed down a bit. However, despite the slowdown in progress there is still optimism that the engineering study will be under way soon. The committee also discussed the road stream crossing improvements project with emphasis on what is being done on Sanborn Creek. The Chinnery site is being evaluated regarding where the best location would be to do soil boring samples to enable planning for bank stabilization.
 - B. PMWC project planning document
 - Wayne Anderson passed out the PMWC project planning and progress summary.
 - Current Active projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - Right of Way trimming is still on schedule for May.

- Wayne Andersen reported that as a result of the support, the transfer of the Dow property to public ownership was moving forward and will keep the land in its natural state. Grant funding is being sought to provide money for half of the purchase price of the land. Dow will be donating the remaining balance of the land acquisition cost.
- The City of Scottville has begun investigating what it will take to repair and maintain a rock wall to protect against erosion in Riverside Park.
- Another bank stabilization project in Marquette Estates is being evaluated
- Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management
 - The Cold Water Steering Committee is scheduled to meet in Grayling on April 27, 2017
 - Electroshocking will not be done for three years
 - TFM application is scheduled for August 2017.
 - The volunteer's meeting is scheduled for April 21 2017 in Cadillac at the Carl T Johnson Center. This meeting is hosted by the PMWC and The Pine River Area Chapter of TU.
- Future Projects
 - River Improvement Projects
 - The upper Baldwin Creek field trip following the restoration committee meeting on the 28th was attended by members of the PMWC, Mark Tonello, and Paul Kogelschatz. The group saw that there was about ¾ of a mile of good spawning gravel. The consensus was that there was too much wood down in the stream bed and that remediation would be required. Further discussion will take place. Chuck Turk led the group.
 - Policy, Legal, Engineering, and Management

C. Natural Rivers Zoning Review Board – No meetings are scheduled.

D. River Interns – The plan for two interns is in place and Diane Walker has identified two candidates.

7. Communication and Information

A. The next issue of the Mainstream is being organized by Paul Bigford who is seeking input regarding possible articles.

8. Public Comment: No public comment.

New Business

9. New business –

A. There was discussion about changing the meeting times of the PMWC to accommodate members and guests who had to travel some distance to attend meetings. **Tom Seroczynski made a motion to change the start of the meeting time from 9 AM to 10 AM, seconded by Wayne Andersen. Motion Passed.**

The meeting was adjourned at 10:31 AM

Next meeting will be held on May 6, 2017 at the Lake-Osceola State Bank at 10:00 AM. Note the time change

Minutes submitted by Dave Gabrielson, Secretary

Remaining schedule of meetings for 2017:

May 6, 2017

June 3, 2017

July 15, 2017 – note that the July meeting is held during the evening of the annual banquet

August 5, 2017

September 9, 2017 – note that this is the second Saturday due to Labor Day being on the 4th

October 7, 2017

November 4, 2017

December 2, 2017