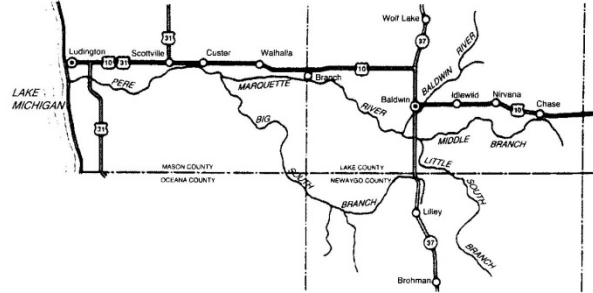


Pere Marquette Watershed Council, Inc.

P.O. Box 212, Baldwin, Michigan 49304



Board of Directors' Meeting 10:00 A.M. August 1st, 2020 Wenger Pavilion, Baldwin, MI Meeting Minutes

Administrative

1. Meeting was called to order by President, Jim Bos at 10:00 a.m.

Attendance: James Bos, Tom Seroczynski, Jeff Carpenter, Paul Bigford, Jay Barnhart, Dick Schwikert, Jason Hackney, Ian Davison, Scott Lachniet, Mike Hoag, Matt Jacobson, Mark Anderson, Marv Hanna.

Excused: John Karakashian, Mark Raven, Mike Batcke.

Guests: None.

2. The minutes of the June 6th, 2020, Board of Directors' meetings were approved with corrections (motion Jay Barnhart, seconded Dick Schwikert).
3. President's Notices:
 - a. President Bos reported on a virtual meeting regarding the railroad project.
 - i. AE the engineering firm is close to the final design. There will be 250 feet of rock riprap approximately 25 feet high. Wood bank re-enforcements placed up and downstream of the riprap will give a total length of 500 feet.
 - ii. The planned size of riprap rocks is 9-15" diameter. This was discussed and it will be suggested that the engineers consider larger (18") rocks.
 - iii. The Genesee and Wyoming railroad is under new ownership and the three participants from the company were new to the project. The railway personnel indicated that the company may not waive railroad entry and permit fees required for the project; the prior management had indicated these would be waived.
 - b. There are no new developments on the Stevenson property (Baldwin hatchery and Dam).
 - c. A property owner contacted President Bos regarding the proposed project to engineer the channel connecting Emerson lake with Weldon creek (a trout stream). PMWC is not supportive of projects that withdraw water from or increase the temperature of trout streams but has not been formally asked to comment on the Emerson lake project.

- d. Jeff Carpenter reported that with one or two exceptions people changed their entry fee for the C4C competition to a PMWC donation or Life membership.

Old Business

4. Financial Integrity: The Treasurer's report (attached) indicated that both revenue and expenses were lower than the budget. This is because the C4C donations have not all appeared in the annual revenue and budgeted expenses for the railroad project have not yet been incurred. The financial situation for 2020 is likely to be better than expected (smaller deficit) because the cancellation of the C4C has decreased associated expenses to a much greater extent than revenue (see above).
5. Watershed Restoration/River Management:
 - A. Railroad project: See President's report (above).
 - B. Watershed Restoration Committee. No meetings have been held recently but these will resume in the fall.
 - C. Natural river zoning review board. No report.
6. Communication & Information:
 - A. Mainstream Newsletter: The 2020 newsletter was mailed in June.
7. Election of Board Members and Officers. A motion was passed to temporarily suspend the Bylaws that require board members and officers to be elected at the annual meeting (which was cancelled because of COVID-19, with the board making the following appointments.
 - A. Board Member. There were no suggestions for new members and the following were re-elected to serve from 2020 to 2023:
 - a. Batcke
 - b. Bigford
 - c. Carpenter
 - d. Davison
 - e. Hoag Intends to resign from Board but will continue to serve until a replacement is appointed.
 - B. Officers. The following were reappointed.
 - a. Bos – President
 - b. Serocynski – Vice President
 - c. Davison – Secretary
 - d. Barnhart - Treasurer

New Business

8. The PM Property Owners Association requested PMWC support the cost of reprinting the Natural Rivers Brochure that is designed to inform people about the regulation regarding the Pere Marquette river (e.g., riverfront development). The PMWC has several hundred of the last

printing but the Board agreed that this was a worthwhile project and voted to support 50% of the cost up to a maximum of \$500.

9. There was considerable discussion of the PMWC website and the potential to increase membership and donations through social media and making it possible to donate online. Matt Jacobson and Jason Hackney will develop a plan to be discussed at the next (September 12th) meeting.

Meeting adjourned at 11:00 a.m.

Minutes submitted by Ian Davison Secretary

Remaining 2020 Meetings:

September 12th

October 3rd

November 7th

December 5th

