

The City of Monroe
Commission on the Environment and Water Quality
MINUTES
December 11, 2014 7:00 pm

The following minutes are not taken verbatim and only reflect an overall representation of the meeting.

CALL TO ORDER: Chairperson Pfund called the meeting to order at 7:00 pm

MEMBERS PRESENT: A roll call of members was taken and a quorum was present.

Maureen Pfund
Barry LaRoy
Richard Micka
Bonnie Finzel-Doster
Dan Stefanski Via Phone
Brian Egen
Gloria Rafko
Isaac Owens
Robert Potter

Special Guests – Melanie Foose – MDEQ

Motion to accept the meeting minutes from November 13, 2014 by Dan Stefanski second by Richard Micka Motion passed.

Update on Projects:

2014 PAC Grant- Barry and Brian are reviewing redesigning some signs as well as designing posters, pamphlets and placemats. All funding for these projects will come from the PAC grant. Because we have received good news regarding our “recovery efforts” we may update the above to indicate our progress.

Flowering Rush Demonstration – Barry and Dan have worked with CISMA – Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area, on a grant application to help provide a boarder program in regards to the Flowering Rush Demo projects. We should know if we are going to receive and dollars by February 2015. This may include, direct application, hand pulling and developing a plan/program that the City can maintain.

AOC – “Area in Recovery” Discussion – Melanie Foose - Melanie provided a Presentation of the AOC as presented to the EPA by MDEQ staff earlier in December. Discussion regarding progress that has been made: Great lakes fish present in the river, more nesting birds, and more bald eagles in the area all positive environmental factors. Discussion then in sued regarding taking our remediation progress to another level when the time comes, “Area IN Recovery”. The following motion was made by Dan Stefanski “PAC is willing to consider a status change when the time comes to “Area in Recovery” seconded by Mr. Micka – Motion passed.

MDEQ Updates –

Stewardship Conference is January 23 and 24, 2015
Duck Unlimited are conducting a Habitat project at the Ford Marsh
New Phone number for Melanie was given out.

Member updates-

Brian sold the scrap metal from the August clean up for 25.00 gave to Barry to deposit.
Gloria – Looking for people interested in attending and perhaps presenting at the TMACOG on January 22, 2015
Dan – Merry Christmas to all.
Richard – concerns regarding potential flooding at the Norfolk southern railroad project.

Motion to Adjourn by Barry – seconded by Gloria Rafko 8:30 pm

Next Meeting January 8, 2015 at 7:00 pm