



Protect-Preserve-Enjoy
Little Manistee Watershed Conservation Council

**Minutes of the trustee's meeting held July 7, 2017 @ Skinner
Park, Irons, Michigan**

EXECUTIVE ACTIONS:

President Tim Phillips called the meeting to order at 6:08 PM.

Attendance: Tim Phillips, Armas Soorus, Joyce Durdel, Evelyn Furman, David Spruance,
Dan Sernick, Jim Squier, Gordon Lewis (emeritus)

Absent: Joe Rogers, Dale Downes, Greg Block

June minutes approved unanimously.

Last year's annual meeting minutes will be available at the annual meeting July 8.

Annual meeting minutes and review will be published and mailed to membership.

Membership lists will be up-dated twice yearly: after the December renewal period, and
after the annual meeting.

Treasurer's Report:

No treasurer's report pending presentation at the annual meeting.

PROJECT STATUS:

1. Volunteer projects — the bug survey has been completed, and the H₂O
Water Quality study will be conducted on July 10th. Contact trustee Joyce Durdel
to participate in this activity.

2. Fish habitat project in Section III of the Trout Unlimited "Habitat Assessment"
of 2015 — permitting process has begun with an expected completion of late
summer/early fall of this year. Monies from the 2016 Jorgensen donation will be
used in completing the project.

3. Gillhespy project — the project has been completed, and the final report from CRA will be available for the Annual Meeting, July 8.

4. Erosion sites — the board is finishing its commitment to address the most severe erosion sites trying to identify private landowners in order to seek permission to conduct on-site evaluations of the problems.

WATERSHED MANAGEMENT PLAN:

A final proposal from Networks Northwest has been received, and is awaiting final board approval. Much of the discussion centered on the role of Alliance for Economic Success in the process and their desire to have the full \$40,000 transferred in the LMWCC Plan Fund held by MCCF totaling \$18,341.47 as of December 2016. A \$5000 grant from the Lake County Community Fund and \$5000 from the Jorgensen gift will be added to the fund.

The board unanimously approved a motion by David Spruance, seconded by Dan Sernick, to approve AES as fiduciary agent for the LMWCC to enter into a contract with Networks Northwest to draft and complete the Watershed Management Plan for the Little Manistee watershed system.

GRANTS:

CRA and the LMWCC board continue to seek grant money to fund the Syers Dam removal project. David Spruance recommended to CRA that they look into securing a grant from C. S. Mott Foundation.

NEW BUSINESS:

David Spruance has contacted Mission Graphics, and they will print and distribute the Annual Meeting Minutes and Review. Evaluation of the product will determine if MG will be the permanent printer for LMWCC.

A letter to be drafted by David Spruance, signed by President Phillips, and mailed by Gordon Lewis will be sent to all those whose donations to the Annual Meeting totaled more than \$100 in value.

Meeting adjourned at 7:14 PM

Respectfully submitted by David L. Spruance July 11, 2017