

BOARD OF PUBLIC WORKS
REGULAR MEETING MINUTES
Wednesday, June 15, 2022, 8:30 a.m. WESTERN
WASHTENAW COUNTY SERVICE CENTER
705 N. Zeeb Rd, 2nd Floor Room 2010

Members Present: Lauren Smith, Andrew Schmidt, Kathleen Root, Evan Pratt

Members Absent: Mike McCormick, Gary McCririe, Molly Maciejewski,

Liaison Absent: Commissioner Katie Scott

Public Present: None

Staff Present: Theo Eggermont, Public Works Director
Lauren Koloski, Environmental Supervisor
Michelle Katz, Water Resources Program Coordinator

1. Call to Order

Chair, Schmidt called meeting to order at 8:30 a.m.

2. Approval of Agenda

Motion by Smith, supported by Pratt to approve the agenda as presented.

3. Approval of Minutes

Regular Meeting- May 18, 2022

Motion by Pratt, supported by Smith to approve the meeting minutes of May 18, 2022. Motion Carried.

4. Public Comment-Related to Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present.

5. Craig Kivi- Chain of Lake Shoreline Restoration Project Overview

Kivi presented the Board with an overview for shoreline restoration project he is working on in collaboration with the Natural Shorelines Forever, 301(c)(3) Conservancy, Michigan State University, Michigan Department of Environment, Great Lakes and Energy, Michigan Department of Natural Resources, Michigan Natural Shoreline Partnership, and volunteers in the community. He shared the goals of this project that include shoreline stabilization, restoration, erosion prevention, aquatic shore, wetland wildlife increases and sharing the data collected with other organizations. He also mentioned the 11 acres of shoreline this project is being conducted in Portage Lake is the largest left and is 85% hard armored shoreline. The lack of destruction of shoreline has increased over the years, likely contributing factor is the size and number of watercrafts that are operating within the lake system.

He also provided details for the current natural methods being used to create stabilization and increase wildlife habitat with natural armoring of the shoreline. He also shared details of the data collected thus far with these methods and improvements they have noticed, that will be shared as a public forum. Based on the collected data, they will re-evaluate with Phase 2 to redesign what may not work.

Schmidt asked for discussion with regards to incorporate support of programs like this into the current PA185 Lake Projects.

Root thanked Kivi for his presentation and asks about limiting sizes of boats allowed in the lakes that seem to be causes of the shoreline destruction due to wave wakes they create. Kivi mentioned there are studies currently being done and provided what this actually does to the bottom of the lakes. Kivi also mentioned some townships in Michigan have created ordinances have been enforced with regards to the size of boats allowed.

Schmidt mentioned that with the PA 185 Lake projects that more projects to protect shoreline restoration projects like this be incorporated into the PA 185 Lake projects.

Smith asked Kivi about the Natural Shorelines Forever, 301(c)(3) Organization and provided some resources within the University of Michigan resources that could be available to help with the efforts.

Eggermont mentioned looking further in assessing amounts for lake projects that could include lake frontage properties that are currently natural/undeveloped shorelines creating restoration projects within the lakes.

Website links to details on the project:

Sun Times Articles: <https://thesuntimesnews.com/g/pinckney-mi/n/83339/local-resident-works-save-portage-lakes-remaining-natural-shoreline>

Wake Boat Study:

https://www.washtenaw.org/DocumentCenter/View/24251/BoatGeneratedWakeWaveReport_Feb12022_Final

EGLE Website with Shoreline information:

<https://www.michigan.gov/egle/about/organization/water-resources/inland-lakes-and-streams/shoreline-protection>

Craig Kivi's Natural Shoreline Website: <https://naturalshorelines.com>

6. Reports/Program Update

A) Lake Improvement Projects Update

Koloski reported working to re-treat Pleasant Lake in an area not treated. She also mentioned that some of the lake's bays and canals in the Chain of Lakes they are doing more treatment for starry stonewort. Koloski also reported that all of the lake projects have had their first round of treatments for the season and the contractor will be out after the 4th of July to access the results of those treatments.

B) Sylvan Township Water/Wastewater System Improvement Bond Refinance: John Axe-Clarke-Hill

John Axe from Clarke-Hill provided information with regards to the request for the Sylvan Township Water/Wastewater re-funding bond. He mentioned there are savings for the township in issuing a re-funding for this bond, although with the interest rates rising, they will review those interest rates to determine if there will be a substantial savings. He mentioned that this will still need to go to the township for approval, the Board of Public Works, and then to the Board of Commissioners for approval at their July meeting. He expects to have this ready for bond bids after the 1st of August and based on those bids and current interest rates they will determine if there is a significant savings for the township bond. His recommendation is to move forward with the re-funding of the bond with expectation of savings for the debt on the bond.

Action Item:

Resolution to Authorize Washtenaw County to Refinance Sylvan Township Water/Wastewater System Improvement Bond

Pratt asked about the downside of issue there-funding for this bond. Axe responded that if there is not a significant savings for the township, there is no charge for the administrative costs in pursuing refunding.

Smith asked about what the township savings limit would be in the refunding. Axe responded that the savings would be enough to consider with the savings to be about \$70,000 based on the current rates to date. She also asked if it can be refinanced at a later date. Axe responded that if the rates came back down, based on the number of years left on the debt would likely not be marketable to refinance as there are only 9 years left on the current debt amount.

Motion by Pratt, supported by Root to approve Resolution to Authorize Washtenaw County to Refinance Sylvan Township Water/Wastewater System Improvement Bond.
Roll Call Vote. Motion Carried

C) PIAC

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 3/28/2022

Eggermont reported that PIAC met with Samuel McMullen that has worked with the City of Ann Arbor and received a Sustaining Ann Arbor Together Grant to promote businesses for zero waste activities. He is seeking a Live Zero Waste sponsorship to expand the same opportunities to residents in other municipalities. The event is scheduled to Launch July 11 in the Western Washtenaw area.

D) WRRMA Update

- Approved Meeting Minutes from 4/18//2022

Eggermont reported WRRMA joined the Tour of the Ann Arbor MRF went very well. They are moving forward with RFP process and what the contract would look like. They also having discussions about assessments and how to reach residents with education and how recycling works to possibly provide a small reduction on recycling rates. Discussion on how this would work with rental properties for multi developed residential properties. Eggermont also reported the TRP Grant will start July 11th for the City of Ann Arbor. The postcards to residents will be mailed out for communication and outreach in advance of the cart tagging for contamination. They will be labeling the carts with what materials are acceptable not acceptable.

E) Directors Report

Eggermont mentioned with working with WWRA for drop off signage and mailers. He mentioned they will also partnership with WWRA at the drop off stations with staff to help with education of contamination in the recycling. He also mentioned the staff will be attending at 8 sites in the WWRA district.

Schmidt also thanked everyone that attended the Ann Arbor MRF tour, the insight to how the facility operates was very educational.

7. **Action Items**

- A) Memorandum of Claims Vouchers 8325-8326

Motion by Root, supported by Smith to approve Vouchers 8325-8326 as presented.
Motion carried.

8. **Financial Reports**

Received and filed.

9. Other Business

Regular Meeting July 20, 2022, re-review cancellation.

Schmidt asked about any changes needed to not change the cancellation. Katz mentioned invoices waiting for approval until the August 17th meeting.

Regular meeting scheduled for July 20, 2022, confirmed to be cancelled. Notice of Cancellation posted as required.

Motion by Pratt, supported by Root to approve paying any invoices received, not to exceed \$25,000.00 authorized by the Public Works Director for the month of July. Motion Carried.

10. Public Comment- General/Un-related to Current Meeting Agenda Items

Public Commentary- (3 Minutes per Speaker)**

No Public Present

11. Meeting Adjourned at 9:53 a.m.



Evan Pratt, Secretary

8/17/2022