

**Clinton River Area of Concern
Remedial Action Plan
PUBLIC ADVISORY COUNCIL**

Minutes

MISD Mackinac Room
44001 Garfield Road - Clinton Township, MI 48038

Thursday June 16th, 2016

Meeting 1:30-3:30pm

1. Introductions/ Roll Call (5 min)

Voting Members Present:

Ryan Colliton- HCMA
Gerry Santoro- MCPED
Lynne Seymour- MCPWO
Jerry Demaire- Citizen at Large
Luanne Laemmerman- MC Prosecutor's Office
Terry Gibb- MSU Extension
Ryan Giorio- Oakland University
Tim Pollizzi- Rochester Hills
Mark Richardson – Citizen at Large
Randy Young- MCC
Shawn Keenan- Auburn Hills
Ken Verkest- Harrison Township
Ron Fadoir - OCWRC
Paul Muelle- HCMA

Voting Members Absent:

Tim Backhurst- Citizen At Large
Steve Lichota- MCHD
Mary Bednar- Clinton Township
Dave Puranen- MISD
Joe Youngblood- Shelby Township
Denice Gerstenberg- Sterling Heights

Other Stakeholder present:

Matt Einheuser- CRWC
Eric Diesing- CRWC
Jamie Burton- HRC
Jim Scholl- HRC
Annette DeMaria- ECT

On the phone:

Sue Virgilio- USEPA
Bart Mosier- USEPA
Jen Tewkesbury- MDEQ
John Balint- Pontiac

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2. Adoption of Agenda/Approval of March minutes

Lynne Seymour proposed switching number 4 and 5 because she needs to leave early.

Ron Fadoir motioned to approve the agenda as amended and the March meeting minutes:

Motion supported by Randy Young

Motion Passes

3. Update on Habitat Projects (Grant Recipients) (30 min)

- Updates from grant recipients

Wolcott Mill Metropark- Paul Muelle

The project is moving along, the design/ contracts completed. Working on the QAPP and seeding/ construction will begin in the early fall.

Galloway Creek OU- Ryan Giorio

Concept plans are done and consumer's energy is looking to move the gas line going through the stream.

Sylvan Glen- Jamie Burton

Project is almost complete just working on the downstream portion.

Clinton River Corridor Project- Jamie Burton

The contract has been signed and construction will start after July 4th.

Spillway- Lynne Seymour

The project looks great all the earth work is finished by Jefferson and starting up near Harper. All of the earth work will be done by the end of July. May be able to do a site visit at next PAC meeting.

Partridge Creek – Lynne Seymour

Quotes have come back over budget. Working with the contractor to get the prices down without compromising the success of the project.

McBride Drain – Lynne Seymour

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A public meeting will be held at June 29th for the homeowners to ask questions and learn about the project. The project is on track and out to bid now for fall construction.

- Update from EPA (Bart Mosier and Sue Virgilio)

Funding Packages Due July 15th for projects. Waiting on Troy and Auburn Hills materials for additional funding.

Harley Ensign Mouth Project- Sue Virgilio

USACE was planning on having a 65% meeting, however they have decided to hold off because the wetland creation requires a large amount of fill. The MDEQ has concerns about the level of contamination accepted in the fill materials and is working to determine an acceptable level. There also may be issues with transporting the amount of fill needed for the project. USACE may consider scaling back the wetland portion of the project and focusing on the upland. The next design meeting will include stakeholders.

St. Lawrence Cemetery - Sue Virgilio

The permit application is being circulated right now. They are finishing up the design of the project. A property to the north of the project site was originally going to be included however it was excluded because there was a lack of interest by the land owner. This will not compromise the final product and will allow us to remove the aesthetics BUI.

Shelby Stream Restoration- Sue Virgilio

This project is moving along the design is being modified because the township wanted to see more work downstream. USACE is looking for tree for this project they will need rootwads to double as fish habitat and erosion control. Hoping for Fall 2016 construction.

4. Update from Habitat Committee (Randy Young) (20 min)

See attached handout. In the spring the USEPA notified the PAC that the Red Run project was not going to be funded as originally proposed. The habitat committee has determined that the Red Run cannot be ignored and must be addressed in order to remove the habitat BUI. The habitat committee met and determined it was best to move forward with the 11 projects as identified with the addition of Harley Ensign and St Lawrence Cemetery. PAC Chair Lynne Seymour is working on a new project proposal for the Red Run that includes planning and some implementation projects. This new proposal will focus on Habitat BUI removal criteria, functional habitat improvements including flow reduction, fish habitat, fish passage and stormwater retrofits.

5. Presentation of Watershed Survey Results (Nic Clark, Clean Water Action) (25 min)

Presentation on results of public opinion survey of Clinton River Watershed through clean water action canvassing summer 2015.

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6. Update on Clinton River AOC Beach Closing BUI (Jen Tewksbury) (10 min)
At beach closing subcommittee meeting it was determined that in order to remove BUI we would want funding for more beach monitoring. When Macomb County Health Department had funding for additional monitoring there were less beach closings. Jen took this information to the EPA and found that there is no funding available at this time for additional beach monitoring. The subcommittee needs to regroup after this season and decide how to move forward.

7. Update Current PAC Grant (CRWC) (20 min)

The grant was just approved for administration, public education and outreach and field monitoring.

8. Other Business:

Green Macomb is looking to get a US forestry Service grant to improve tree canopy in the most urban areas of the watershed. Gerry Santoro asks for a letter of support from the PAC.

Mark Richardson motions to provide a letter of support
Shawn Keenan supports the motion
Motion approved

9. Next Meeting: Thursday September 22nd 1:30pm-3:30pm at the MISD

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