

MUSKEGON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – November 10, 2020 via Zoom Conference

In attendance: Amy Haack, Vicki Luthy, Chris Qew, Jill Koebbe, Carly Hines, Janet Vail, Dan Sorek, Erica Johnson, Steve Thompson, Tanya Cabala, Carissa Patrone

- 1) Call to Order by Haack followed by Introductions
- 2) Tanya Cabala – Presentation – WMEAC Lakeshore Office: The West Michigan Environmental Action Council has opened a Lakeshore Office. Initiatives in the works include: Water Protection (PFOS); Education in the Schools with emphasis on Solid Waste; Climate Action (Assist Citizens Groups to start conversations in their community, currently include Grand Haven Energy and Citizen Action group organizing around plans for Natural Gas Plant and Holland’s 2011 Community Energy Plan Citizen Review group attempting to reopen plan to amend in regards to fossil fuels). Tanya is working on setting up monthly conversations/group chats/book discussions and lunch break talks. Contact Tanya Cabala directly to discuss environmental goals, sign up for discussions and volunteer. tcabala@wmeac.org
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- 3) Additions/Changes to Agenda: None
- 4) Acceptance of Minutes from August 11, 2020. Motion to accept by Qew, Support by Johnson. Motion Carried.
- 5) Approval of Treasurer’s Report: Balance as of August 2020 \$1,394.27. \$500 Shoreline Cleanup Grant funds received in August on behalf of Muskegon Lake Watershed Partnership disbursed for September Cleanup. \$100 Donation received. Balance as of November, 2020 \$994.27. Motion to approve by Luthy, Support by Johnson. Motion Carried.
- 6) Old Business – none
- 7) New Business - \$100 unsolicited donation received.
- 8) Round Table –

Qew: Brenda Moore won election for County Drain Commissioner. MLive reported loss in error.

Sorek: Prein and Newhoff on behalf of the City of Muskegon is getting deteriorated sanitary sewer out of yards and routed to appropriate utility corridors under area streets.

Hines: All Household Hazardous Waste clean-up events have been rescheduled to 2021. The county has been working on energy efficiency updates at county facilities – including LED installations. Stay tuned via the Muskegon Public Works website.

Johnson: MAISD continues working with area educators via remote learning projects.

Vale: Working with area teachers to develop Climate Solutions outreach and projects.

Koebbe: Assisting area industrial Env. Safety Managers. Covid has added additional complexity to keeping in compliance with safety and environmental regulations.

Haack: The very hot summer contributed to many clean air action days this summer. West Michigan has embraced precautions (even though the source is our neighbors across the lake). Clean Air Coalition commercials this summer.

Luthy: Assistance for Muskegon County families with small children to prevent lead exposure is available through the City of Muskegon.

Steve Thompson: Introduction as new MCECC member. Also serves on board of Muskegon Conservation Club and Vice President at MERES (outdoor education facility at the NW edge of the Causeway).

Patrone: wmsbf.org

9) Adjourned

2020 Meeting Schedule – All Meetings on Tuesday at noon
Stay Tuned for Meeting Methods and Venues