

MUSKEGON COUNTY ENVIRONMENTAL COORDINATING COUNCIL

Meeting Minutes – April 18, 2023 – Muskegon Area Chamber of Commerce

In attendance: Vicki Luthy, Chris Qew, Dan Sorek, Doug Wood, Gale Nobes, Janet Vail, Lora Swenson

Call to Order by Luthy followed by Introductions

- 1) Additions/Changes to Agenda: None
- 2) Acceptance of Minutes from November 8, 2022. Motion by Vail, Second by Wood. Motion Carried.
- 3) Approval of Treasurer's Report: Balance as of November 8, 2022, \$1004.27. \$100 Granted by Muskegon Community Foundation. \$25 Disbursed for Website Domain. Balance as of April 18, 2022, \$1079.27. Motion to approve by Luthy, Second by Sorek, Motion Carried.
- 4) Old Business
 - Nomination of Officers and discussion on election, tabled until next meeting.
 - Meeting Calendar, Presentations and Venues. Suggestions for:
 - Conservation District project updates and facility visit.
 - Follow up at Sports Complex and new zip line
 - Lara Swenson tour of Heritage Landing and/or Kayaking Tour of Heritage Landing
 - Working tours to Muskegon Lake restoration sites.
 - Community Foundation provided small operating grant requested by Haack.
- 5) New Business - None
- 6) Presentation by Dan Sorek, Prein and Newhoff – What is Happening with the Community Drinking Water Supply and Infrastructure Improvements

Muskegon Heights first new water main in the past 30 years installed this spring.

Insights on Lead Service Lines (LSLs) and Social Justice Issues

In the 1990s, phosphates were added to coat LSLs. The phosphates cause problems with surface water (irrigation) and for waste water treatment. Routine use of phosphates was discontinued.

Lesson learned from the Flint lead poisoning cases – A new definition of a LSL: All galvanized and steel pipe downstream of a lead service line is defined as part of that LSL. The corrosion inside the pipe traps the lead and can flake off/release a high concentration intermittently. These galvanized service lines are now regulated. Public water supplies must replace them at 5% per year. The entire service line from the road to the home is replaced – not just the lead fitting.

- 7) Round Table Updates
- 8) Adjourned

Stay Tuned for Meeting Methods and Venues
Next Meeting June, 2023