



Asylum Lake Policy & Management Committee Meeting Minutes
Thursday, 09 February 2017
7:00pm
WMU Physical Plant Conference Room

Agenda:

- I. Call to Order: 7:03
- II. Roll Call: *Council: Cam Vossen, Duane Hampton, Paul Scott, Jay Emerson, Lauri Holmes, Arthur Falk, Tyler Bassett, Steve Keto, Kay Chase (alt) Quorum met 8. Guests: Phil Micklin, Ken Kesson (DNR)*
- III. Adoption of February 09, 2017 Agenda; *Approved with additions see new business b. - f.*
- IV. Approval of January, 12 2017 Meeting Minutes, *Approved Comments were made as to location of ALPMC minutes on line. It was suggested that the student working on the website or WMU IT be invited to explain the progress.*
- V. Old Business:
 - a. *DNR fen management update, special guest Ken Kesson, SouthWest Michigan Wildlife Biologist for DNR. Ken works in regional planning and administration of habitat management on lands other than State ownership. Ken is working with the Parkview Hills association to manage a wetland Fen on the property. This site studied by Tyler Bassett has High quality diversity and habitat for Massasuga rattlesnake a Threatened Federal species and a special concern Michigan wildlife species. Southwest Michigan is a state stronghold for this species. There is a funding partnership \$8000 DNR and \$8000 Parkview Hills to remove and treat invasive species. High quality areas will be hand treated, lower quality cut, treat, burn and or spray for best results. One of the targets are Phragmites in the wetlands that will be treated using helicopter spraying. There is an opportunity for ALPMC to partner with the DNR and Parkview to get the west end of Asylum lake treated this late summer 2017. The DNR would encourage this partnership and the same contractor and permit could be used. ALPMC would share appropriate costs.(approx. \$2000-\$3000) Plans are being develop to identify the high quality sites at Parkview.*



The timing will be as follows; Winter -Spring 2017, treat buckthorn, loostrife, reed canary grass and non-native Viburnums. Late Summer 2017 spray Phragmites. The fist spray of Phragmites will be assessed and 2 more follow up sprays will be needed in 2018. Based on other Fen restorations a burn will be needed to remove the excess dead vegetation. A management plan will be needed to keep the site in good condition. Many opportunities for Education, outreach, volunteers, student research during this process. Jay Emerson has a student, Trenton Benedict that has an application for a research project involving Phragmites to be approved by the Council . The Ecological Management committee should meet on the potential partnership and other issues.

- b. Governing Document review. Items discussed: membership changes and mechanism to fill positions, end of term limits, alignment of current council operations with original document, committees and sub committees, need to clean up changes to present details for council to vote on. Jay has accomplished his responsibility for the updates, Tyler and Kay will take the process from here, they will introduce the changes in a form the council can vote on.*

VI. New Business

- a. Wildtype management priority; Council was in favor of Wildtype continuing Oak forest management in area of the spillway and east end of lake. Council discussed how to eliminate brush from this process . A discussion with Wildtype about burning or chipping brush indicated that contracting a chipper on site to do this work would be best for efficiency, cost and results. Steve will work with Bill to pay for this service if needed.
MOTION: Balance of Money from last round of management should be immediatly applied to any work done by Wildtype on the East End of Asylum Lake in 2017 (it is anticipated that more funds will need to be allocated to complete work) discussed and approved.*
- b. ALPA event payment from Council: The Council approve \$500 payment in 2016 to ALPA for educational newsletter. WMU business and Finance originally denied this payment to ALPA, then later agreed to pay as the council had voted. This check has not been received as of March 2017.*
- c. ALPMC Budget and Finances: The council discussed the lack of financial information from Facilities Management accounting and Business and Finance related to The Asylum lake Accounts managed by WMU. The Council has requested detail accounting since 2013 but has yet to receive an itemized statement of account activity. The council asked again in December of 2016 and has yet to receive this information as of March 2017*



- d. *BTR 2.0 Update: No information has been provided by WMU Administration the citizen Advisory Committee or WMU Campus Planning since December 2016.*
- e. *Vermuelen Property (Southwest corner Stadium Dr. and Drake Rd.) No first hand information is available about the status of the property that borders Asylum lake Preserve . The property was up for sale, WMU did not purchase it.*
- f. *Knotweed (invasive) near Parkview parking lot: An opportunity exists to coordinate with the local CISMA (Cooperative Invasive Species Management Area) centered at the Kalamazoo Nature Center to treat the Japanese knotweed in the Preserve as well as in the watershed through Parkview hills. The council may invite Ryan Koziatek to speak about this partnership.*

MOTION: Investigate getting Japanese Knotweed treated by CISMA, Tyler Bassett will discuss with the CISMA and report. Steve Keto will Find contacts at WMU Foundation to ask about treatment of this Invasive on Foundation Property at the South West Corner of Stadium and Drake

VII. Project/Special Committee Reports:

- a. *Trail committee update; Trail committee met (notes attached) A previous Trail map plan was provided (attached) The Council needs to work with a Civil engineer to review new plans, trails erosion issues.*

VIII. Public Comments: *The current status and progress on the Asylum Lake Website was questioned. As noted previously WMU IT or the student working on the site should be invited to the Council to discuss the project.*

IX. Council/Staff Comments:

*Adventure Day in Kleinstuck April 20 (rain 21) 2017
Adventure Day Asylum Lake May 8 (rain 9)
Steve will be submitting an application and ask for volunteers*

X. Adjournment 8:55