

Lake Erie Management Commission

Meeting Agenda

9:00 AM Monday August 18, 2014
Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory
Portland, NY 14769

I. Call to Order

- The meeting was called to order by Chairman George Borrello at 9:00 am.

II. Approval of Minutes

- The minutes of the July meeting were approved.

III. Public Expression

- None

IV. Chairman's Comments

- George Borrello thanked everyone who was involved with the VIP Fishing Day event and said he had great time.
- George Borrello indicated that there may be a possible linkage between funding for dredging and efforts to control invasive lamprey populations in the Cattaraugus Creek. The group discussed the possible connection and decided that because lampreys spawn in gravelly headwater areas, there was not a viable linkage.

V. Coordinator's comments

- Dave McCoy provided information on the current round of the NYSDEC/SEA Grant, which is due 9/30. The opportunity is limited to just 4 grants, totaling \$88,000.
- Dave McCoy noted that the Chautauqua Lake Rally was scheduled for 8/23 at the Bemus Point Casino. George Borrello agreed to attend and set up an exhibit for the event.

VI. Committee Reports

I. Education Sub-Committee:

- The group reviewed the LEMC PowerPoint presentation and provided suggestions for updating the document. Dave McCoy will make revisions to the document for the next meeting.

VI. Member/Partner Reports

I. LEWPA

- Joanna reminded the group that the next LEWPA meeting was scheduled for August 26, at 12:30 at Cabana Sam's in Irving, NY.
- Joanna noted that the 2014 Lake Erie Watershed Survey was due and the three completed surveys were received from Chautauqua County communities. She provided additional copies of the survey for the group to distribute.

II. Lake Erie Beaches

- The was no update available

III. Zen Olow

- Zen noted that the NYSDEC had been writing tickets for improper yard waste disposal in streams. Joanna Panasiewicz suggested that now would be a good time to develop some educational materials that would explain why dumping yard waste in streams is illegal and the negative impacts of the practice. She suggested a targeted mail campaign for areas that have problems with this. A discussion ensued and the group agreed that the issue should be addressed in the educational PowerPoint presentation. Dave McCoy agreed to reach out to the Chautauqua Watershed Conservancy to see what expertise that had on the issue.
- Zen commented that the Seneca Nation of Indians was considering a walleye fish hatchery.
- Zen also noted that the Association of Great Lakes Sportswriters (AGLW) or AGLOW had recently published an article on Lake Erie and that the Walmart FLW Bass Tourney was on Chautauqua Lake this weekend with college or “knowledge-based” competitors.

VII. Old Business

- Dredging progress
 - George and Dave said that the permitting for Hanover was nearly complete and the permitting for the Dunkirk project was still in progress. Martha Bills noted that the Barcelona project was going well, although the contractor was behind schedule.
- Scott's funding
 - The streambank stabilization project was completed.
- Chautauqua Creek Fish Ladder
 - No update

VIII. New Business

I. New projects and opportunities

- GLRI Grant Application – Dave and Joanna updated the group on the progress on the grant application. The effort is on track for submitting the application on 8/27
- Local Waterfront Redevelopment Plan – Dave McCoy said that the effort to draft a LWRP for the North County communities was underway and that Chautauqua County Planning and Economic Development was searching for a Community Liaison for the effort. Dave Spann agreed to serve in that role.

IX. Summary of Actions Taken

- None

X. Schedule Next Meeting

- The next meeting was scheduled for September 29th at 9:00 am at the Lake Erie Research and Extension Laboratory in Portland, NY

- The group discussed having the October meeting at the SUNY Fredonia Incubator. Dave McCoy indicated he would check on the facility's availability.

XI. Adjourn

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