

ST. CLAIR SHORES WATERFRONT ENVIRONMENTAL COMMITTEE
APRIL MONTHLY MEETING MINUTES
TUESDAY, April 18th, 2023 – 6:30 P.M. – AT SCS PUBLIC LIBRARY

Committee Members: (P=present/E=excused absence/A-unexcused)

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| Heidi Hall McInnes (Member / chair) | P |
| Mark Balon (Member/Co Chair) | P |
| Cori Champagne (Member/ /Vice Chair) | P |
| Kevin Hertel (Member) | E |
| Peter McInnes (Member) | P |
| Kathy Nixon (Member) | E |
| Sarah Schultz (Member) | P |
| Joe St. John (Chair Emeritus) | P via phone |
| Erin Stahl (Member/Treasurer) | P |
| Dave Rubello (City Council Liaison) | E |
| Michael Drooglever (Member) | P |
| Sharon Khouri (Member / Secretary) | P |
| Lauren Elya (Lakeview H.S. Student Liaison) | E |
| Sarah Hendricks (Lakeview H.S. Student Liaison) | E |
| Aura Calhoun | P |
| Robert Calhoun | P |
| Meredith Green (Lakeshore Student Liaison) | E |
| Connor Green (International Academy of Macomb student liaison) | P |

Also present: Guests: Erin Kloviski, DPW Supervisor Geoffrey Brown and Arin Fowler and team from Davey's Tree Service.

The meeting commenced at 6:30 p.m.

1. Pledge and Mission Statement. Mike led us in the pledge and Sharon read our mission statement.

2. Approval of Minutes (March, 2023). Motion to approve.
1) Cori; 2) Peter; Passed unanimously.

3. Approval of Treasurer's Report. Erin reported there was no change from last meeting current balance remains \$13019.53.

4. Nautical Coast Cleanup: Geoffrey Brown, Supervisor of DPW, went over records showing the number of dumpsters from last year and where they were positioned. Mike recommended he review with Mark to finalize but likely would be the same. Mike then reviewed the 2023 cleanup plan. He reported the meeting with Jefferson Yacht Club would be held on Thursday April 27, 2023, at 4:30PM. Mike, Cori and Mark are to be in attendance for that. It was reviewed that Erin will not be able to make it but will help with moving and storing the tools before the cleanup. Mike will hang Banners. Mike is lining up speakers. Cori is lining up sponsors and sponsor's names will be on the back of our t-shirts. Mike reports that we will have a diver on hand and Cori reports we may have paddle boarders in the water for the cleanup. Davey's

tree service is offering to bring a chipper if there is enough space to block anyone from coming near. They will have cones and staff but warned they are very strict about anyone getting nearby. This will likely be set up at Veteran's Memorial Park. The Nautical Coast Cleanup presentation will be at the May 1, 2023 City Council Meeting per Mike. Cori is getting quotes for the food. Erin has three quotes for the t-shirts, and one quote is significantly less than the others. She reports there is no problem using the vendor per the city.

5. Earth Day cleanup discussion by Sarah. It was decided that the cleanup would be moved to Kyte Monroe due to the number of volunteers we have this year. Blossom Heath does not have much at all for so many volunteers. Notifications will be made to the Volunteer Match and Eventbrite volunteers. Sarah will go to Blossom Heath first to make sure there are no volunteers waiting there. Davey's Tree Service will be bringing water, snacks and giving away items to the volunteers. They will be at Kyte Monroe by 9:15AM. Sharon will meet them there. Erin provided two sided flyers with the Nautical Coast Cleanup and all the other events on the other side, to pass out at the Earth Day cleanup.

6. SE Michigan Fishery Workshop: Cori, Heidi, Peter and Sharon attended this workshop held on April 12, 2023.

The highlights discussed were:

There were no Asian Carp discovered in Lake St. Clair in 2022

There were no new non-native species detected in 2022

The Aquatic species of plant that are legal to sell in Michigan: Water Lettuce – common in water gardens- perennial and Water Hyacinth – Impedes boat traffic and are prolific growers.

Boaters are encouraged to rinse boats following taking out of water especially before going to any other body of water. Discussed Macomb County restoration projects including Ford Cove and Brandenburg Park. Possible upcoming project at Metro Beach. Brandenburg Park's project has shown significant increase in wildlife in the newly improved habitat areas including: 498% increase in Eel grass, 450% increase in bird abundance and 84% increase in in fish. In addition to this, they are now seeing turtle hatchlings. Also, it was shown that the American side of the Lake St. Clair is 90% hardened shoreline, and the Canadian side is mostly naturalized shorelines. The Canadian side has substantially more fish that were being studied on both shorelines due to habitat availability on the Canadian side. Further discussions were made about Phragmites removal at the mouth of the Clinton River.

7. Public Comments. None.

Approval of Excused absences: Motion by Cori seconded by Mike, passed unanimously.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by 1) Mike 2) Erin passed unanimously.