



Battle Creek Area Clean Water Partners
Quarterly Meeting Minutes
June 16, 2022, 3:30 pm
City of Battle Creek Department of Public Works Room 204
150 S. Kendall St., Battle Creek

Attendees: Jody Smith (Denso Corp.), Chaz Wilkey (City of Springfield), Stephen Lewis (Battle Creek Area Math and Science Center), Jacob Schacht (Emmett Twp.), Brittney Clifton (Calhoun County Water Resources), Frank Schumacher (Lakeview Public Schools), Doug McLaughlin (Kalamazoo River Watershed Council), Bessie Stears (City of Battle Creek), Kaylynn Budreau (City of Battle Creek), Patty Hoch-Melluish (City of Battle Creek), Kurt Tribbett (City of Battle Creek)

- I. Introductions**
- II. Approval of June 16, 2022 Agenda** (Wilkey moved, Smith seconded, all approved)
- III. Approval of Minutes Dec. 16, 2021** (Wilkey moved, Lewis seconded, all approved)
- IV. Approval of March 18, 2022 Agenda** (Wilkey moved, Smith seconded, all approved)
- V. Budget update**
 - The group voted to approve the use of up to \$500 from BCACWP funds to purchase accessories (trailer hitch, additional funds for trailer match, registration) for MiCorps cleanup grant additional needs. Fundraiser income from the rain barrel sales can be put toward this use.
- VI. City update on 2022 events**
 - Children's Water Festival
 - Environmental Dept. events
 - Rain barrel sale #3
 - Juneteenth Celebration
 - Farmer's Market
- VII. Illicit Discharge Elimination Program (IDEP)**
 - City is conducting IDEP monitoring. Tracking down an illicit discharge at Angell/Parish outfall.
- VIII. Grants Awarded**
 - MiCorps river clean up grant
 - Midwest Glacial Lakes Partnership grant
 - BC Community Foundation Linear Park Invasive Species Survey, Mapping and Management Plan
- IX. MS4 Nested Jurisdictions requirements for EGLE permit**
- X. Comments:**
 - Wilkey (City of Springfield): Culverts are being replaced this summer at Lafayette and Tecumseh. Awaiting 399 permits. The City's MS4 permit was approved by EGLE.
 - Clifton (Calhoun County Water Resources): The County continues to trap beavers. Approximately 60 have been trapped to alleviate homeowner flooding issues. The County's MS4 progress report was submitted and approved.
 - Schumacher (Lakeview Public Schools): Bond updates include work on the football field, elementary school updates, Middle School work with an addition off Columbia Ave., changes to the Meijer and City stormwater BMPs.



- Schacht (Emmett Twp.): Emmett Twp. held a bulk waste cleanup event on June 11, 2022. Republic Services had a bulk truck and a 40 yd. container on site.
- Smith (Denso) 2,500 pollinator seed mix packets distributed to employees on Earth Day. The basketball/tennis court areas are being redone. They have a wildflower garden on site.
- Lewis (BCAMSC): 20 students participated in a cleanup on April 30, 2022 along the City's Linear path from BCAMSC to the Police station. 8-9 bags of garbage were collected. Beginning in the fall, he will have a class of 20-40 students looking for volunteer hours ~1 hr/week.
- Budreau (City of Battle Creek): Mentioned the City's compost project (Battle CreEQ Gold)
- McLaughlin (KRWC): KRWC will have a booth at Juneteenth Celebration on June 18 in Battle Creek; Event with Kalamazoo Area Math & Science Center students and Whitehouse Nature Center on July 6 at Morrow Lake. Looking for volunteers to help; KRWC received a grant for WQ monitoring equipment which will be available to loan out; "Dashboards" available on the KRWC website with data on fish contaminant levels, sediments and water quality.

XI. Next Meeting

- 9/15/22 – 3:30 – 4:30 pm, Location: TBD

XII. Adjourn at 4:27 pm