

**AFFEW BOARD OF DIRECTORS
MINUTES, 6/7/06**

CALL TO ORDER

Meeting was called to order at 7:30 p.m. Board members in attendance were: Larry Kivela, Julia Chambers, Laura Lyons, Dave Hall, and Sidney Shaw.

NEW BUSINESS

1) **Correspondence** - None

2) **Treasurer's Report**

a) **Status of Accounts:** Current balance is \$3,636.25 as of 6/7/06.

b) **Authorize Payment of Bills:** All in favor and approved.

3) **Secretary's Report** - Last meeting's minutes were reviewed and approved. The secretary will try to remember to bring the brown Archives book to each meeting, unless the Treasurer has it and then maybe she can bring it. The board also discussed getting more of our business information, including our by-laws, onto our website for quick reference as needed.

4) **Other Business:**

a) Sid has a new e-mail address: 3shaws@earthlink.net

b) AFFEW doesn't need to file a 990 tax form since we don't make enough \$.

5) **Projects, Programs, & Activities:**

a) **Website** - The board looked at the site during the meeting. It's looking really nice.

b) **Household Battery Recycling** - Joan Young says a place in Ann Arbor recycles batteries. RadioShack recycles only one kind of rechargeable battery.

c) **Rain Garden** - The board will need to get an update from Rebecca Fox.

d) **River Monitoring** - Because the water was too high to get samples, a new date has been set for 6/25/06.

e) **Beach Clean-Up** - It was decided to continue the beach sweeps, and dates were set for 7/18 & 8/22, both at 7:30 p.m.

f) **Friday Night Live** - This downtown event could be a good place for us to have a booth, so we'll participate for the 7/28, 8/4, & 8/11 dates from 6-9 p.m. A board member volunteered for each date, with Sid as the coordinator of all three. The board also discussed improving our booth display, and Larry graciously agreed to build AFFEW a tri-fold bulletin board with three 18" x 2" panels. Sid also donated his time to find a strong pole to run through the banner sleeve. The board also discussed asking for a donation for button-making.

g) 4th of July Parade - Julia will submit our application to participate. We'll go with the suggested theme of Patriotism, with slogans such as, "Plant American: Plant Native Species," and/or, "Keep America Beautiful: Reuse and Recycle our Precious Resources." During the parade we may pull a wagon with native wildflowers in it, and/or pass out packets of native wildflower seeds and AFFEW brochures. Laura will check with the Conservation District about getting seeds and/or borrowing some native plants for the occasion. Sid will look into adding a link to native plant resources at our website. A parade planning meeting is set for 6/21, 7 p.m., at Larry's, where these details will be firmed up and posters made, etc.

h) Phone Tree - Julia suggested we resurrect this program to attempt to get more participation in our events. Laura thinks she might still have her old copy, and maybe we could add/modify it somewhat based on changes in membership since the last one was made.

i) Methodist Church Service - The Methodist Church would like AFFEW to present about our organization at their two services this coming Sunday. Sid will cover both services.

6) Other

a) National Trail Day celebration at North Country Trail - Julia went to this and brought some AFFEW literature. We may want to do a booth there next year.

b) Household Hazardous Waste Removal Day - Laura reported on the two organizational meetings that have occurred thus far. Sid agreed to contact local businesses to see if they'll donate to this worthwhile endeavor. The next organizational meeting is again at Amber Twp Hall, 9:30 a.m. on 7/25.

c) Possible Board Vacancy - Rebecca Fox has applied to grad school and is talking of resigning from the board. The board expressed appreciation for her work and discussed potential replacements, namely Peg Gage.

7) Next meeting date and time - 8/22/06 at 6 p.m. at the south concession stand at Stearns Park, bring your own picnic dinner, rain date at Jamesport Brewery. The August Beach Sweep will conveniently take place right after the board meeting.