

**PST LAKE ASSOCIATION, INC.
(PSTLA, the Association)**

WATER QUALITY COMMITTEE

*****CHARTER*****

I. Purpose of Committee

A. Objective is to be active stewards encouraging the preservation, protection, enhancement, and restoration of the waters of Lakes Ponemah (formerly Mud), Aanikegamaa (formerly Squaw) and Tupper, along with the Shiawassee River State and National Water Trail that runs through it, and the surrounding watershed that feeds them.

B. Applicable Definitions per the PSTLA Bylaws:

1. Article 2: "PST Watershed" shall mean *"all land and water areas shall mean Lake Ponemah, Squaw/Aanikagamaa Lake, Tupper Lake, Hidden Lake (3-Ponds/Lagoons), the Shiawassee River from the North Road bridge to the Ripley Road Bridge, the Horrell channel, the North Road channels, the Horrell channel, the Shiawassee Road channel and all of the interconnecting channels with frontage on Eastview Drives, Landings Way and North Road."*

2. Article 8: Committees, Paragraph 2, the Water Quality Committee *"shall offer proposals to the Board for a vegetation management plan and can delegate the responsibility to implement such plan to the lake biologist. Furthermore, interactions with the Genessee County Drain Commission on water levels will be the responsibility of this committee. Communication of weed treatment plans and the results of water quality testing will be communicated to the riparian owners within the Association boundaries and will be made through social media and other communication methods."*

C. The Committee is a group of people that works together on the matters to which it is charged in the PSTLA Bylaws, and on specific topic(s) or question(s) pertinent to that charge, which arise from time to time or are brought to the Committee's attention by members.

1. The benefit of a standing Water Quality Committee is that this group can work in a productive way to advance the overall mission of the PSTLA in a more efficient and effective way.

2. The Board of Directors retains responsibility for the organization's governance and operations. The budget for Committee related activities shall be determined by the PSTLA Board.

II. Committee Membership

A. Committee membership is restricted to PST Watershed riparian owners who are also paid Association members in good standing. Other ad-hoc/ex-officio individuals may be invited as needed to assist with its work. Ad-hoc/ex-officio members shall be advisory only and are not considered voting Committee members.

B. The Committee shall have at least five (5) members, including at least one member representing each PST Watershed area as defined above. As possible, one member may be designated to represent a lake, related river or channel area, in order to assist with input of PST Watershed riparian owners in that area, and enhance communication to them of Committee / water quality related matters.

C. The Committee shall have no term limits of service. Preferably, members will commit to annual service at the beginning of each calendar year, and for any regional representative role during that term. If circumstances change during the year, simple notice to the Chair / Co-Chairs will allow for a smooth replacement and continuity.

D. Officers

1. A Chair or Co-Chairs of the Committee will be appointed by the PSTLA Board. The Chair/Co-Chair and Committee members are responsible for managing the duties set forth below. The Chair/Co-Chair is/are responsible for scheduling Committee meetings, developing an agenda, overseeing the Committee's work, and reporting the Committee's progress to the PSTLA Board, its President, and Association members, as described below.

2. A Secretary, preferably continuous or per given meeting, will record matters and decisions made by vote or otherwise discussed at Committee meetings.

E. Committee Authority and Responsibilities

The Committee will be responsible for the following ("water quality matters"):

- Offer proposals to the PSTLA Board to oversee and conduct regular water monitoring activities to evaluate the health of the lakes, including but not limited to: E. coli bacterial monitoring and a vegetation management plan (to address weed and algae control)
- Maintain oversight of any lake biologist or consultant to whom the responsibility for implementation of the above-referenced water monitoring activities is delegated, who shall produce a detailed written report at the annual conclusion of their work and communicate important issues that arise during the year
- Interact with the Genessee County Drain Commissioner on matters concerning lake water levels
- Communicate with the PST Watershed riparian via social media and other appropriate methods to:
 - Inform them on the above issues
 - Track and respond to incoming questions and concerns.
 - Educate them on matters of water quality and conservation, which may include fisheries management, invasive species, Point and non-point source

- pollution, litter control, storm water runoff, shoreline design, erosion control, and vegetative buffers. (This listing is neither prioritized nor exhaustive.)
- Encourage and promote environmental awareness, responsibility, sustainability and action.
- As opportunities arise, advocate for local, state and federal government policies to protect water quality.

III. Committee Meetings

A. Format. Meetings may be held in person, or by video conference for the convenience of committee members.

B. Frequency

1. The Committee shall meet at the beginning of each year to plan activities and events pertaining to water quality matters (as defined above).

2. The Committee shall meet after the annual completion of such activities and events to evaluate the outcome and identify opportunities to refine them and/or improve outcomes.

3. The Chair/Co-Chair may call additional meetings during the season at their discretion on an as-needed basis.

4. Meetings will be held to the extent possible on days and times convenient to members.

a. Regular attendance and participation at meetings is preferred.

b. Members will provide advance reply to a meeting notice about their attendance and any relevant input, and especially if attendance at a given meeting is not possible.

c. If a member is unable to attend meetings at all but wishes to participate, their role and its parameters, as applicable, will be determined, defined and agreed upon by the Committee. That member will communicate their activities directly to the Co-Chairs, particularly in advance of a noticed meeting.

d. Any members who otherwise fails to attend meetings or carry out their representative roles may be replaced as needed to provide continuity of service to PST Watershed riparian owners / PSTLA membership.

D. The Chair/Co-Chair or someone delegated by them will provide an agenda for each meeting and communicate meeting details to Committee members in a timely fashion in advance of each meeting.

E. The Secretary will maintain written minutes of matters discussed at each meeting.

F. If a matter requires a vote of the Committee, a Motion for same shall be made and recorded.

1. Discussion will endeavor to reach consensus of all members in a unanimous vote.

2. Otherwise, matters shall be approved by the vote of a majority of members present at any meeting.

3. Minutes shall reflect the conclusion of any vote including approvals and dissents, and relevant discussion.

IV. Committee Reports

At the PSTLA General Membership Meetings, the Chair/Co-Chair or a designated member of the Committee will verbally (orally by presence at the meeting or in writing) report on the events at Committee Meetings, to include recognition of Committee member participation, topics discussed, recommendations, decisions, actions taken, and other relevant matters.

V. Committee Evaluation

A. This Committee Charter will be reviewed at the first meeting of each year, to refresh recollection of the Committee's charge, and to discuss any revisions that may be appropriate.

B. At least every two (2) years the Committee will conduct an evaluation at its year-end meeting to review the performance of the Committee in relation to the requirements of this Charter and such other matters as the Committee deems appropriate.

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