

**MACPRO Meeting**  
**Thursday, May 12, 2006**  
**10:00 a.m., Pine Bend County Park**  
**Ottawa County**

- I. The meeting was called to order at 10:13 a.m. by President John Scholtz.

People present: John Scholtz-Ottawa County; Mark Brochu-St. Clair County; Ken Elwert-Lapeer; Dan Stencil – Oakland County; Dan Patton – Eaton County; Roger Sabine-Kent County; Brian Bailey-Berrien County; Randy Rood-Berrien County; Kevin Ricco-Allegan County; Dave Basch-Mecosta County; Dave Mazrah-Ottawa County
- II. Motion to approve minutes by Stencil, seconded by Sabine. Minutes were approved as presented.
- III. Treasurer’s report was presented by Sabine. Currently 25 paid members from membership drive with a few still trickling in. Treasurer’s report showed a balance of \$ 9,614.05.
- IV. Legislative updates
  - a. Discussion revolved around MGTA/Rail Trail Issues and the Land and Water Conservation Fund appropriation.
- V. Comben v State of Michigan – court agreed to hear case.
- VI. House Bill 5814 (MDNR land purchases and PILT payments) – MAC has expressed support for this bill. Motion made by Sabine, seconded by Brochu To send a letter to MAC expressing that MACPRO is “Against local approval of DNR property acquisition. Furthermore, this bill lumps two distinct issues that should be dealt with separately.” Scholtz and Patton volunteered to work on the letter.
- VII. House bills 5975 & 5976 (government competition) – Motion made by Brochu, seconded by Rood to send a letter to MAC opposing both bills as currently written. Scholtz and Brochu volunteered to work on the letter.
- VIII. Genesee County Tax Tribunal Status – Elwert mentioned that the ruling came out in favor of Genesee County Parks and against Oregon Township. Funds must be paid back to Genesee County.
- IX. MAC summer conference education session – general consensus was to provide an educational session every other year at the MAC conference. Next session should be in 2007.
- X. MRPA Trail and Greenways Legislative Day – will be occurring June 7<sup>th</sup>
- XI. Other business: Patton gave a summary of the Heart of the Lakes and MDNR “Forging Partnerships Workshop” from March 14. It was suggested it would be appropriate to invite Steve Arwood, Director of the Heart of the Lakes Center for Land Conservation Policy ([www.heartofthelakes.org](http://www.heartofthelakes.org)), to a future MACPRO meeting.
- XII. 2006 Meeting dates and locations
  - Aug. 11 - Ingham County
  - November 17 - Eaton County
  - (joint meeting with MRPA :Public Policy)
- XIII. Meeting Adjourned

Minutes respectfully submitted, Ken Elwert, MACPRO Secretary