**Notes from the September 13, 2017 NWOCSC Mtg**

*Presentations*

* *Elaine Isely* – On Critical Dune study – by the Michigan Environmental Council. They want to find out what the dunes mean to you; the balance between dune use and dune abuse; what people do when they go to the dunes; and the amount of impact the dunes have on our economy. Please take the time to fill out the survey and encourage others to do the same – go to ***HowYouDuneSurvey.com*** to take this WMEAC important survey. *It is important that the surveys are completed before October 15, 2017.*
* *Jamie Cross* reported on the Great Lake Alliance’s to help to the shores and the waters of our lakes – especially Lake Michigan. There will be a community forum on October 25, 2017 for which I will be forwarding you information.
* *Leslie Newman* – Wetland Watch – reported that they will be doing the phragmite treatments in the Grand River again this year. She also told us about an after school elementary program they are sponsoring which is doing very well.
* *Ryan Vredeveld* – GH Waste Water – reported on the progress of the solar project at the GH Wastewater plant – hopefully, that project will be a go soon.
* I present material the growing concerns of throw-away plastics and the Michigan Recreational Marijuana proposal which people are trying to get enough signatures for to put on the ballot. Jason Kik providing some interesting an very concerning information on the strength of the new marijuana and what recreational marijuana is doing to Colorado. I attached info on both.
* *SLT Fire Chief Brian Sipe* took the attendees on a tour of the new LEED SL Fire Station.

We discussed having joint mtgs with the Muskegon Chapter, the Grand Haven CCL, or both and the thought a topic for our next mtg could be solar energy.

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