Dear Members,

Happy New Year! Thank you for your membership support. We couldn’t reach our goals without your contributions. As we reflect on FoBR 2019 activities, we look forward to an exciting 2020. Please join us again.

2019 Highlights

♦ The National Science Foundation grant afforded FoBR a continuation of their project to improve model forecasts of stream flow and fish habitats along the Boyne River. We shared the experience of being citizen scientists, texting information at five crowd hydrology sites on our river.

♦ We added educational signage to the Boyne River Nature Area. They were funded by a WAVE grant, a partnership of Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council and the Frey Foundation.

♦ We continued our Marie Zoberski scholarship program, awarding two local high school seniors pursuing environmental careers with funds towards tuition and books. They each received $1,000.

♦ We stream monitored in partnership with Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, and held an annual river sweep clean-up.

Plans for 2020 activities are underway and we hope you had the opportunity to hear these recent speakers.

♦ Dave Edwards, Tip of the Mitt Watershed Council, discussed river water quality. We learned about healthy water chemistry and how macroinvertebrates in our river respond to human impact and climate change.

♦ Mark Boersen, DNR Wildlife Division, gave a compelling presentation on black bears. He coordinates the DNR surrogate sow program for orphaned bear cubs. He also spoke about bear biology and management.

♦ Brenda Archambo, President of Sturgeon for Tomorrow, captivated us with lake sturgeon and fishery management. She explained the habitat conservation and hatchery rearing in our neighboring Cheboygan watershed.

♦ Mark Contrucci, Mark C’s Trees, took us on a fall walk through Old City Park, pointing out and identifying local trees. He gave us great tips on choosing and planting trees in our yards.

♦ One of our local scientists, Bill Beeman, taught us how Geodesists measure the earth and how GPS information systems impact our lives.

Please support our efforts with your membership renewal (form on reverse side). It is also available on our website www.boyneriver.org.

Thank you.

Candy Greene

Membership Chair