

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, August 12, 2016

The *vision* of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council is a healthy properly functioning watershed. This vision is of streams, wetlands, riparian forests, upland forests/trees, Oswego Lake, and other natural resources working together as a sustainable ecological system that supports good water quality, productive habitat for native plant and animal communities, and enhanced quality of life.

The *mission* of the Oswego Lake Watershed Council is to foster stewardship, education, participation, and financial support for the purpose of the conservation, restoration, enhancement, and maintenance of watershed functions that achieve and sustain a healthy watershed.

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**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Mike Buck, Mark Rosenkranz, Mary Ratcliff, Sarah Asby. Guests were Anne MacDonald, City Stormwater Coordinator, Adra Lobdell, our OLWC Project Manager, and Clair Klock with CCSWCD (Conservation Planner). In a brief introduction, Clair said he helps with rainwater harvesting and wildlife habitat. For backyard habitat in urban spaces over one acre, he does do site visits for CCSWCD. Clair expanded on the personnel in his department and the roles and assignments they pursue in this interplay of soil and water. Council had a good discussion on the challenges of rain detention and harvesting and irrigation in this geography of poor soil percolation.

### **2. Operations:**

- **Resolved: Minutes for July 8, 2016 were unanimously approved and accepted as corrected.**

- **Financial Report:** In Tom's absence, we had no financial report. Anne reported that she thought Tom had received the HEF check, and Adra will check the P.O. Box. In the future, Anne related that the Parks Department will probably take over the funding mechanism and disbursement to the OLWC.

### **3. Reports:**

- **Staff Report:** Adra has already calendared some HEF work parties: the next one is for September 21<sup>st</sup> and will be a SOLVE event at Springbrook. Lake Grove Presbyterian Church signed up again and will return to work at the Springbrook project site. Friends' groups work party dates have been shared with Adra to avoid inadvertent conflicts with schedules. With OWEB, Dwight will be the point person. Our *State of the Watershed Event* on September 14<sup>th</sup> will include an optional site visit to the Mountain Park Tanglewood site. Stephanie tried to make contact with Brighton HOA leadership and said that Scot Siegel has a person on contract for Natural Resources services that could be available to help with needed permitting. Some of Brighton's problem in implementation has been unfamiliarity with the application process. Another help that OLWC can provide owners/HOA's is the delineation between what they can do themselves on process and what demands outside resource help. For instance, when DSL is involved due to grading plans, outside help for base review becomes necessary. The better we can understand the process and select projects in headwater

areas to avoid technical in-stream work, the better we can assist in process strategy. Anne was helpful in clarifying how the process works from her perspective.

- **City of Lake Oswego HEF Grant:** (This item was handled above.)
- **CCSWCD Funded Outreach Project:** Adra said she has received a handful of inquiries from property owners of riparian corridors who are responding to postcards mailed. She and Mike are now doing site visits and visited with Jill Zurawski on Glen Eagles tributary. Mike returned to help this landowner remove invasive Himalyan blackberries. She did not know quite how to tackle these brambles and just needed some encouragement (besides a machete and adze). Adra and Mike will be assessing more sites in the next few weeks which includes Ashley Melin's backyard riparian area on a tributary from Springbrook Park. Stephanie is still doing watershed tours which continue to get rave review from participants. Her tours start off in Springbrook Park and then proceed to Campbell Native Garden and then to the Congregational Church. People appreciate receiving a better understanding of water conveyance and also capture what good stewardship can do in these channels. The last tour will be in October; and then commence again the following May
- **State of Watershed Event:** Adra and Mary are working on this upcoming event with press deadlines approaching. The flyer can be put on Facebook, and City managed media accounts with their contact persons were also mentioned as good marketing agents.
- **Park Academy Project:** Mark is meeting on Monday with Craig and received some talking points from Stephanie regarding educational derivatives. Mark will assess the physical terrain for restorative possibilities.

**4. Old Business:** Stephanie tabled discussion on record retention with Tom's absence. Adra commented also that she has sent to OLWC Council members Google Drive access files that can be added to with respective data, information and pictures.

**5. New Business:** Given our current election cycle, City Council candidates will be invited to our *State of the Watershed Event*. Our role in education and advocacy for environmental enhancement of our watersheds should extend to potential decision makers of our City. Good management of natural resources results in financial savings when insightful planning goals are apprehended by City Council and City management. Mary will give Adra a current list of candidates so an invitation can be extended. Planning Commissioners, Parks and Natural Resources Board members, and Development Review Board members will also receive invites. Our Board also mentioned Three Sisters Creek coordination with TVWC and possible Mercantile Shopping Center redevelopment and environmental oversight.

**6. Public Comments and Announcements: None**

**7. Meeting Adjourns at 9:30am**

**Next Meeting: Friday, September 9, 2016 at 8:00am.**