

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, August 7, 2015

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.

1. **Welcome and Introductions:** Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Mary Ratcliff, Rob Amsberry, Tom Bland, Mike Buck, Mark Rosenkrantz. Guests were intern, Maddee Rubenson, Project Coordinator, Grady Shelton.

2. **Operations:**

- **Resolved: Minutes for July 10, 2015 were unanimously approved and accepted.**
- **Financial Report:** Tom passed out a Financial Report that gives our balance as \$29,076.80. The spreadsheet depicted the categories for spent funds. This report shows most money posted into development. Some expenses are overhead like Linda and Aleta. Stephany reminded members that insurance coverage remains part of our necessary funding package.

3. **Council Business:**

- **Watershed Projects:** Grady informed the Council that the last invasive removal party for Hallinan was scheduled on Sunday, August 2nd. He said 217 volunteer hours were recorded culminating in 32,000 square feet of invasive removal on two sites. The project on Springbrook Creek by the Hope Community Church begins August 22nd from 9:00-12:00 in the morning. Mike will attempt once again to make contact with Pastor Keith of the Church since project volunteers at least need his permission for access and parking. Grady expressed his grateful appreciation for the volunteers who worked on Boutwell and Hallinan sites. He has a scheduled follow-up meeting with the Brighton neighbors who have cleared some invasives in their watershed area through the help of their landscape contractor.
- **OWEB:** Stephanie attended a small grant meeting and reiterated that \$10,000 grants were available to restorative projects. Applications need to be sent in by September 17th to OWEB. Dwight Sangrey from Mountain Park plans to write one to complement hopeful funding from Metro.
- **Watershed Project Manager:** Stephanie announced that the OLWC and Tryon Creek Watershed Council have retained Adra Lobdell as this coming year's project manager. She comes with a skilled background as an Americorp volunteer for Tryon Creek Park

and she merits a Masters degree. She will be working twenty hours a week for each Council on selected project sites. Unfortunately this means that Grady will be leaving this post at the end of the month. Regrets and gratitude were expressed by members to him since he proved his adeptness and his own skills at organization, aptitude and good communications with volunteers. OLWC will need to find a work site for Adra and a place for tool and project material storage. Adra will be meeting with Grady and Mike to get informed on our progress so she is ready to take control on September 1, 2015.

4. No Public Announcements.

5. Meeting Adjourns: 9:30 am.

7. Next Meeting set for September 11, 2015 at 8:00 am.