

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, June 10, 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.

1. Welcome and Introductions: Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Mark Rosenkrantz, Rob Amsberry, Sarah Asby and Mike Buck. Adra Lobdell (OLWC and TCWC Project Manager) attended as guest.

2. Operations:

- **Resolved: Minutes for May 6, 2016 were unanimously approved and accepted.**
- **Financial Report:** No Treasurer's report was given with Tom's absence. Adra reported that Anne MacDonald had stated that funding for NEG projects would be finalized by July and she will follow up on this.

3. Reports:

- **Staff Report: State of Watershed Event:** Adra, Stephanie and Mary have set September 14th as a date to hold this event and they are awaiting to hear from Dwight regarding site confirmation at Mountain Park. The envision this event as a two hour presentation and volunteer recognition celebration taking place in the evening with a possible tour option at the conclusion. They were adding enticing, fun elements such as raffle prizes. Having ongoing partnerships with residential owners of resource work project sites is a goal of this Event. The Tryon Creek Open House by their Watershed Council takes place on June 16th
- **HEF Project Grant Status:** Adra informed Council regarding the Boutwell work party on June 11th from 9:00am until noon. Volunteers concentrated on the upper riparian area. Adra reported that Ash Creek was coming to our Hallinan site for invasive holly and laurel treatment. She also commented on the Brighton HOA site undergoing permitting process for ongoing restorative work. Henderson has been active on this surface water maintenance work, and Council discussed the challenges in regards to landscaping design plans. It seemed that if City Staff resources along with OLWC could come up with a workable template, it would give an example of what could be replicated for other project sites needing the same restorative definition. Mark offered his access to GIS data at the Lake Corps. A member speculated on whether Anne MacDonald might be able to give us an example of delineations or markings on a base map. Our OLWC role would seem to be helping facilitate this planning process in service to those who desire restorative work

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in their watersheds. Adra listed her goals for invasive removal on the expanded sites of last year's work projects. Boundaries need to be more carefully delineated especially at the Springbrook site which is particularly challenging due to invasive species, slope, difficult soils. Ivy tree removal continues on the Hallinan site.

- **School and Community Outreach:** No Report.

- **Social and State of Watershed Event:** Stephanie set July 21st at 6:00pm at her residence (11494 Uplands Drive) for this gathering of Council and partners. She welcomes friends and family of OLWC and our volunteer associates like Keith and Peggy Dickerson and Jim and Barbara Fisher.

- **Metro Grant Application:** Sarah said that the pre-application has been sent and gave a brief report on the site visitation. She related that some residents, unclear as to intent of the restorative plan, were worried that all the grass would be removed in this area. Dwight's explanation helped to allay the concerns which were caused by erroneous assumptions. Word from Metro on the grant status was expected this month.

4. Old Business:

- **Park Academy:** Mark briefly mentioned the hope for a future slide show depicting a virtual tour of the area.

5. New Business:

- **Urban Tree Conference Report:** Mike attended this annual event at the Forestry Center on June 2nd which featured a full day of lectures from professionals on many challenging aspects confronting efforts for a healthy urban forest. He said the presenters were inspiring, informative, fascinating, and technical.

6. Public Comments and Announcements: Stephanie led a watershed tour with a "headwater approach" to better depict for people a systems analysis. She visited four sites in this Springbrook watershed.

7. Meeting Adjourns 9:16am so members could attend Maddee's research defense at PSU.

Next Meeting: Friday, July 8, 2016 at 8:00am.