

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, March 13, 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.

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**1. Welcome and Introductions:** Directors present were Chair Stephanie Wagner, Mark Rosenkranz, Rob Amsberry, Sarah Asby, and Mary Ratcliff. Guests included Maddee Rubenson, intern with LOC.

**2. Operations:**

- **Minutes: Resolved: February 20, 2015 minutes were unanimously accepted.**
- **Financial Report:** none

**3. Council Business:**

- **Mountain Park:** Sarah met with the MPHOA Common Property committee to start the process of identifying projects that could be done with Mountain Park. The plan is to applying for an OWEB grant (ranging between \$10,000 and \$20,000). One proposal was the removal of the illegal dam that is on the Mountain Park property, however, that might cost more than the grant. It was proposed that a top-priority survey could be conducted for the residents on what they would like to see done. The next step is to re-connect with Carol to get a prioritized list, which will be needed by June 1<sup>st</sup> to put in the grant application.

- **City Projects:** Stephanie reported on the liability insurance and insurance for the directors and officers needed for the city contract. The insurance Stephanie has found has a \$1.5 M total with \$1 M per incident. The premiums are \$900 per year for the liability insurance and \$600 per year for the directors and officers. This is somewhat lower than what was in the contract. Rob said that Stephanie should talk with Anne to see if the insurance amounts could be lowered.

The city is set to give OLWC a lump sum. Per the city projects, with drier current weather conditions, the planting might need to be done in the fall.

As the contract with the city will be signed the week of March 16<sup>th</sup>, the directors wanted to make sure the council has a press release that explains the program. Mary will meet with Stephanie to work on the first draft and after a review by the council, it will be submitted to the LO Review and put up on the OLWC website.

Mark and Rob will create a monitoring program that can be used to assess enhanced sites on a yearly basis.

- **2015 Budget Discussion:** Tom and Stephanie drew up a draft to present to OLWC for approval. Stephanie walked through the draft with those present. The approval of the budget will be scheduled for next month.

- **Strategic Plan Review:** Council members were asked to look at the Strategic Plan and come back with updated status.

**5. Public Comments and Announcements:** Mary announced “Fix a Leak Week,” March 16-22 in conjunction with EPA’s goal for residential conservation of potable water.

Mary will look at our calendar and send announcements to Linda in addition to articles and events.

**6. Meeting Adjourns: 9:30am**

**Next Meeting: April 10, 2015, 8:00 am.**

#### **TO DO LIST\***

✓ **STEPHANIE will draft a job description for the Restoration Site Project Coordinator.**

✓ **MARY will meet with Stephanie to create draft press release and get it sent to the LO Review by Monday 3pm.**