

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, October 14, 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, Mike Buck, Tom Bland, and Mary Ratcliff. Staff present was Adra Lobdell, OLWC Project Coordinator. Our guest was Suzie Spencer Mountain Park HOA who is their Landscape Operations Manager.

2. Operations:

- Minutes for September 9, 2016 were held for approval when we have a quorum of members present.
- **Financial Report:** Tom passed out an Annual Statement on the year and reported we had a balance last month of \$36,422.80. Our revenues were \$39,439.00. Tom also prepares the Quarterly Report that Stephanie gives the City. Our OLWC expenditures for HEF are mostly for contractors, and Adra's wages will be shown in a separate column from other contractors. Other expenses involve reimbursing our Web mistress and for General Administrative costs. Tom and Stephanie have collaborated together to make adjustments for future reports so funding more accurately is attached to the correct category; i.e., development will be moved to programs.

3. Reports

- **Staff Report:** Adra reported on SOLV Riverside Cleanup Day at the Springbrook site. Presbyterian Church young people remembered the description of invasive and native species from their prior work experience last year. They expressed a wish to return a couple of times a year to help OLWC at Springbrook. Stephanie hoped this might formalize as an ongoing partnership. Adra shared future work party dates: Oct 29th is *No Ivy Day* at Boutwell with a 9:00am-12:00pm work time. The next invasive removal work party is on November 19th at the Hallinan site. This is coordinated with National Family Volunteering Day. And Adra has contracted with Ash Creek for herbicide work at Hallinan and Springbrook on areas that contain larger invasive species like laurel and are predominantly low in native species presence. Tom brought up with Friends of Springbrook Park a targeted area that is adjacent to a private property that Mike and Adra have worked on so restorative work can complement each other. Tom will coordinate with Megan Bigjohn for possible plant procurement.

Stephanie continues to engage with the principles involved in the Brighton site especially with Henderson's who will do the mapping. Stephanie will also be following up with Jessica Numanoglu regarding approvals for the City contracted natural resource specialist, Noah. She knows the City wants these types of corrective surface water treatment facilities to go forward. Suzie may want to help with this process in the future since she has experience on how to navigate through this type of project. In terms of Mountain Park's application, 2016 has been the *design phase*. 2017 is listed as the *implementation phase*. In stream work looks dubious for this year but extension of the grant is hoped for. Stephanie reiterated that OWEB grants will not release funds until permits are approved.

- **CCSWCD funded Outreach Project:** Adra and Mike visited the private property site on the tributary to Springbrook Creek, and Mike has removed the ivy from the owner's trees.

Other agenda items were held to November's meeting due to time constraints and missing Council members.

Meeting adjourned at 9:00am.

Next Meeting: November 18, 2016 at 8:00am.