

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Friday, June 9, 2017

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, Rob Ambsberry, Dwight Sangrey, Mary Ratcliff, and Mike Buck. Adra, our Project Manager, was also present.

2. Operations

- **Minutes:** Minutes for April 14, 2017 and May 19, 2017 were unanimously approved.

- **Treasurer's Report:** With our Treasurer, Tom, absent, this report was skipped. Stephanie will ask Tom to email the report and it will be included with the June minutes.

3 Reports

- **Project Manager Transition:** Adra briefed Council members on the various websites where she posted the Project Manager job position. Stephanie gave available dates and times for interviews for the top two applicants. She and Mike will be conducting these critical and decisive conversations; and they are open to have interested Board members join them. Mike commented on how fortunate we were to get such good candidates; and Board members Dwight, Jim and Mark are helping process the applicants' resumes. Stephanie is checking with our bookkeeper about payroll services we will need going forward without our linkage to Tryon. Adra has been busy with getting helpful transition documents in place: files on job description, State of the Watershed event, maintenance and project sites. She will be available to help brief the new project coordinator. Stephanie talked about enhancing our partnership with Backyard Habitat. Mention was made of having this be included in our criteria for property site selection.
- **Habitat Enhancement Fund:** This application is due into the City by July 1, 2017. Sites selected by Adra and members include Ashley's property adjacent to Springbrook Park, Hallinan Creek, and Lost Dog Creek drainage through the Park Academy parcel. Stephanie will help get the 'owner agreement' document filled out by the Park Academy. Stephanie thought that OWEB grant money may be increased over what they have awarded in the past. Rob mentioned that Anne MacDonald's replacement for stormwater management will be on staff by June 12th. He also is trying to get an answer regarding tool space storage at Palisades;

Ivan Anderholm had communicated possibility at this site. Rob also informed us that Lakeridge High School will be cited for the reckless disposal of waste materials from an arts classroom into storm drains connected to Lost Dog Creek. Apparently, this is not an isolated incident but has a long history. Lastly, while the Lake Corps building is under remodeling, a search continues for a working space for our new project coordinator.

4. Public Announcements: Mary posted a *Citizen's View* on the Watershed Council. Comment on future press releases for work at Brighton Park and in Mountain Park received favorable responses. Mike mentioned the conditional use/master planning process is almost completed for Iron Mountain Park. Rob stated that contrary to some public requests, community gardens will not be part of the Woodmont Park plans.

5. Meeting Adjourns at 9:30am.

Next Meeting: July 14, 2017 at 8:00am.