

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Thursday, April 11, 2013

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 Donna Atherton, Mark Rosenkranz, Stephanie Wagner, Chair Andy Harris, Gregory McMurray, Rob Amsberry and Mike Buck. Guests include Ryan Stee, Parks and Recreation Planner, and Dave Stewart, Restoration Biologist for ODFW. Chair Harris called the meeting to order at 8:13 am.
  2. **Public Comments: None**
  3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**  
**Resolved: Minutes for March 21, 2013 were unanimously approved.**
  4. **Operations:**
    - **Financial Report:** This report was not presented with Tom being absent.
    - **Website Update:** Members were informed that events can be given Linda and she will calendar them on the website. Stephanie said that Linda is trying to get watershed email to Board members' regular personal email inboxes. A contract for her to sign still needs to be worked out.
    - **Outreach:** Andy had a copy of Jamie's contract and since the Board had already approved the contractual obligations, it was agreed appropriate for Andy to sign the contract with Jamie for website content, etc.
  5. **Council Business:**
    - **The Coalition for Lake Oswego:** In regard to this newly formed association, board members are free to join or associate as individuals but the Council will not have a direct linkage. In clarifying present Sensitive Lands mapping, Rob said that City Council will not add SL overlay to any new property being annexed. If not previously mapped, it will not be added now.
    - **Iron Mountain Meeting, March 25, 2013:** Mike and Andy attended a meeting with Ryan Stee and interested stakeholders regarding the evolution of a natural resource management plan for this natural open space. Since Ryan is attending this morning meeting later, specific points that were mutual to both will be included under his presentation.

- **Ryan Stee Presentation, 8:30 – 9:00:** Ryan passed out maps and gave an overview of the natural inventory resource management process but began with a short briefing of how Parks and Recreation is being administered since Kim Gilmer left. Ryan then explained why it seemed opportune and advantageous to begin and pursue this new project regarding Iron Mountain, a geography within the City that he has a personal attachment to. A growing consciousness regarding invasive species among elected leaders, having a “Friends” group attached to the Park for ten years, accepting the challenge with limited resources to proffer a management plan which could become a model for other open spaces, plus Iron Mountain’s natural attributes of a stream and wetlands, oak upland, scenic qualities and diverse vegetation—were all attractive to Ryan as he applied for the October 2011 National Park grant.

With the Luscher area management plan virtually completed, Ryan can now devote some time to finishing this project which combines both habitat assessments and biological inventories with restorative plans that encompasses public input from neighborhood stakeholders. Andy asked how OLWC could help his endeavor since Ryan already noted that he wanted to be fiscally prudent and actually impress decision-makers with how much can be accomplished in-house (without the need for outside consultants). Ryan felt that the stream resources needed to be included but that this seemed too burdensome to add into the management plan at this time. So he was very positive about accepting a conceptualization of the restoration of the Iron Mountain tributary in the hope that plans help create their own leverage for grant funding. Andy said that much of the work has already been done but he would use the Board’s expertise (STAC) for strategizing and submitting a project/implementation plan for the tributary. Ryan said that within the management plan would be a multi-year provision for invasive species removal and that he would incorporate some aspects of the 1984 plan that pertains to one portion of the park, the current staging area for the LOTIP (Lake Oswego Tigard Water Partnership). The current grant for funding runs out in October and Ryan wants most of the management plan work done by then. He will continue with outreach and restoration strategies and expects adoption sometime in 2014. He is hoping that projects will come together with funding with the completion of LOTIP. Until then, the biggest problem, the number one hazard in the park is the amount of invasive ivy on the trees.

- **Earth Day Event at Lake Oswego Methodist Church** 11-3, April 21, 2013. Donna will be there.
- **Stream Survey discussion with Dave Stewart, Restoration Biologist for ODFW:** In viewing the City’s streams, Dave said the only stream that had fish was Springbrook Creek. He said that his department had concerns over lake quality and improvement in tributaries. When asked about a fish survey, Dave said one has not happened on the lake. He did note that most of the fish are non-native but acknowledged what Andy verified in terms of the presence of cutthroat, rainbow and lamprey in Springbrook Creek. Andy showed Dave our watershed map and helped orient him to the various streams. It was noted that we have no habitat surveys for fish. Dave concentrated on wanting to discover where there are fish and where could there be fish in our tributaries and streams. The group talked about the

associated issues of water quality and temperature, data for assessment, hydrology, and morphology.

Dave said he had done a study for West Linn delineating where they were and where they could be at if barriers were eliminated. He would like to concentrate on inventory barriers and/or culverts. Summing up his priorities, Dave said would like to focus on 1) Fish, 2) Habitat, and 3) Barriers. Channel width would comply with function of the stream. The group closed discussion so that Dave could do a field assessment of Springbrook Creek.

**6. Announcements: None**

**7. Next Meeting: May 16, 2013; 8:00 am – 10:00 am.**

**8. Meeting adjourned: 9:40 am**

**9. Stream Tour with Dave Stewart**