

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Lake Oswego School District office

Thursday, August 8, 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 Mark Rosenkranz, Tom Bland, Chair Andy Harris, Stephanie Wagner, Greg McMurray and Mike Buck. Chair opened the meeting at 8:05am.
  2. **Public Comments: None**
  3. **Approval of Previous Meeting Minutes:**  
**Resolved: Minutes for July 11, 2013 were unanimously approved.**
  4. **Operations:**
    - **Financial Report:** Tom reported our account at \$1195.98.
    - **Website Report:** Andy spoke with Linda Keast regarding our “members only” page. He also reported that our Council minutes were now on the website under “Library/documents.” Andy asked if anyone had any new calendar activities to list for volunteer activities and Tom’s checked but his Springbrook Park event was already calendared. Mike has not set new dates for the “1000 Tree Project” on Iron Mountain.
  5. **Council Business:**
    - **Backyard Habitat:** Andy reported the news that both Tom and Mike received certification on their residences in the last two weeks.
    - **OLWC link on CCSWCD website.** Andy talked with Erin from the District office and she said that they would put our OLWC link on their website (but it is not active there yet). So Andy will follow-up with her to make sure this linkage is operative.
    - **WC “Council of Councils:”** The next meeting for this collective watershed group is in September.
    - **CCSWCD Grant, Applications are out in August and due in September:** Andy will circulate a draft due to the urgency and time-line of this. Tom asked Andy if he would send the programmatic goals, he would draw up a budget to fit these for the application. Stephanie said that CCSWCD will be asking for a report on how we spent the money and we need to show exactly where the disbursements went: website, strategic plan, etc. Two kinds of grants are available: operational and project grants. Now that we are up and going, we would want \$5,000 for continued operational needs.

STAC needs to meet and concretize projects for this application process. Though Ryan Stee was supportive of the Iron Mountain Tributary project, this cannot be implemented until after the water pipeline is completed which is years off. Some final work still needs to be done in terms of survey and tree inventory and Mike has volunteered to remove the blackberries canes in September for accessibility. Council members discussed the concrete preliminary steps for successful project management: Part-time manager with experience in watersheds hired for the projects which would include the grant writing proposals. Stephanie mentioned a person (Corinna) who works half time in this capacity at Tryon. Stephanie will approach her on the subject and see if she is open to helping us. Jen Nelson's and Sarah Costello's names were mentioned also if Stephanie received negative results with Corinna.

For the Mountain Park project, we will need to finalize the plan and project with Kevin. So STAC will be working to make the Iron Mountain Tributary design part of the Management Plan for Iron Mountain as it gets adopted by City Council and will need to expedite work on the Mountain Park project.

The Mountain Park project is more feasible for next year's grant money especially considering the fact we heard from Stephanie that allotted monies have to be spent within two years if granted.

• **Iron Mtn. Tributary restoration project meeting with Ryan Stee on July 18, 2013:**

Andy commented that the sharing of the design with Parks and Recreation planner, Ryan Stee, went very well. He seemed quite receptive to the restoration design plan.

• **Mike on Iron Mtn. Management Plan and focus on fire suppression:** Mike briefed members on the management plan goals for the natural resources of Iron Mountain and shared concerns that fire risk mitigation and fire suppression were over arching other restorative goals. Mike will be meeting with the Lake Oswego Fire Chief and two other department officials today to learn more about what the current tactical plans are and how cooperatively fire risks can be mitigated in the management plan without compromising habitat values.

• **Council Business wrap-up:** Stephanie will do the first draft of the application grant for the Conservation District. Tom thought financial statements should be posted on our website for transparency reasons and due to the 990 tax return which asks if financial statements are available for viewing. Stephanie recommended that Linda switch agendas, minutes, and financials from the "Library" to the "Council" section of the website. Lastly, Andy will get the password from Linda and share it with Council members.

**6. Announcements:** Mark mentioned "Hot August Nights" coming up this Saturday night, August 10<sup>th</sup> on Half Moon Bay. This turned into a little informative discussion on public accessibility to the lake and the number of easements.

**7. Next Meeting: September 12, 2013 at 8:00 - 10:00 am. at the School District Office**

**8. Meeting adjourned at 9:17am.**