

OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting moved to Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, July 11, 2014

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, Michael Buck, Andy Harris, Tom Bland, and Sarah Asby. Guests included Anne MacDonald, intern Lecia Schall, and Mary Ratcliff.

2. Operations:

• **Minutes: Resolved: Minutes for June 13, 2014 were unanimously approved with one correction.**

• **Financial Report:** Tom reported that we had \$3,909.90 in our account. Payments of \$1500.00 went to compensate Lecia for her work and \$273.50 went to our webmaster, Linda. Registration with the State of Oregon costs \$50.00.

3 Council Business:

• **Mountain Park Project:** Sarah has set up a meeting with Kevin on Tuesday, July 15th, at 11:00 am. Stephanie and Mike will join in this tour of possible project sites. Funding for such work would come from an OWEB small grant hopefully.

• **Sensitive Lands Proposals:** Members discussed how to approach the topic with a much needed educational approach to the role stream corridors serve in our City. Andy talked about his report, paid for by the Lake Corp, that provides a rationale for protection with the import for a healthy vision. Most of the stream corridors in our watersheds have impaired conditions and his report contains strategies for stream restoration. The public could use educational tools to help understand the benefits of our natural resources. Andy's report was finished in 2009. How will the SL proposals hold accountable private and public entities for the needed improvement to these significant watershed areas? Anne provided once again some clear distinctions covered by the proposals regarding stream buffers in headwater streams and larger streams and reiterated what was proposed for top-of-bank determination and criteria.

She talked about the need for better topographical LIDAR mapping which will occur starting at the end of summer. Some of the criteria needed in the proposals will be difficult to obtain; e.g., two year flood mark for streams. Anne also briefed us on the TMDL importance for shade buffering in stream corridors. TMDL is the only instrument that covers water temperatures for streams. She gave Gresham's buffering dimensions as one example of a municipality trying to deal with the challenges and how to incentivize it or move toward an easement purchase. Anne ended by giving the goals of moving from 75% stream shade coverage to a 90% mark.

The Council suggested that Andy give his report with a cover letter to the Planning Commission. A member thought the 2004 shade study would also be good to send. Stephanie planned to attend the Planning Commission meeting on Monday night.

- **River Restoration Northwest:** Lecia passed out a brochure about films regarding this. Members also mentioned PBS programs on "Nature."

4. Meeting Adjourned at 9:30 am.

Next Meeting: August 8, 2014 at 8:00 am at Gubanc's