OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL MEETING MINUTES

Meeting moved to Gubanc's Pub and Restaurant

Friday, October 17, 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, Andy Harris, Michael Buck, Rob Amsberry, Tom Bland, Sarah Asby, and Mark Rosenkrantz Guests included Mary Ratcliff from SAB.

2. Operations:

- Minutes: Resolved: Minutes for September 19, 2014 were unanimously approved.
- **Financial Report:** Tom reported that we have a balance of \$1843.78 in the account.
- 3. Council Business:
- Sensitive Lands Process update: Mary, from Sustainability Network, commented on "quick fixes" review and briefed this Council regarding the group's recommendations based on their own studies and information. They would want fences kept outside of the stream channels. Andy briefly mentioned his and Mike's meeting with Scot Siegel and Shannan Stoll in which he encouraged stream channel dimensions be based on field indicators rather than two year storm event which is very difficult to determine. Both Mike and Andy thought that Scot and Shannan were receptive to receiving commentary but quite reticent to proffer their own conclusions at this time. The OLWC is aware that we have twenty-eight drainages in our watershed to the lake. The City will be using LIDAR to map these. Our particular concern rests with the headwaters and the need for protection due to water quality standards. Board members felt that visualization was needed to show citizens in an educational format what has happened when headwaters were not managed well. Andy thought it best to pick three headwater areas, demonstrate existing conditions, and conduct an informative presentation on watershed functions. Stephanie, Mike and Andy agreed to form a subcommittee and to look at Goodal Road site, Lost Dog Creek, and the Prestwick drainage to Glen Eagles tributary. Lost Dog Creek would be more illustrative of the "good example" of creek restoration.

Both Andy and Mike surprisingly found it difficult to actually research the content of Title 3 and Title 13 due to difficulty even in finding the text and commentary. The Metro website

seemed difficult to navigate. Members shared ongoing meetings: SAB was meeting Monday, October 20th; Mark had visited Westmoreland Park to view their nature play area which was receiving huge positive responses and usage; CCSWC was meeting October 27th; Rob will meet with Kevin at Mountain Park to target invasive removal area priorities; Mark reported on watershed monitoring plan with an intern from Portland State where planning would occur this fall for sampling taken next fall; Stephanie commented on Corina's work with the U.S. Fish and Wildlife plan for Tryon Creek.

- 4. Public Announcements: Springbrook Park, November 1, 2014; Invasive Removal from 9:00am 12:00pm.
- 5. Next Meeting: November 14, 2014, Gubanc's, 8:00 am.
- 6. Meeting Adjourned: 9:30 am.