

# OSWEGO LAKE WATERSHED COUNCIL

## MEETING MINUTES

Friday, July 19, 2019

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:** Stephanie Wagner, Jim Fisher, Barbara Fisher, Mike Buck, Tom Bland, Thomas Benson, Mary Ratcliff, Tom Berridge, and Mark Rosenkranz. Our Project Coordinator, Patrick Blanchard was in attendance and our guest is Dan Vizzini. Stephanie asked Dan to introduce himself to members and he gracefully shortened his lengthy biography of service on so many levels in Portland with the Bureau of Environmental Services, Willamette Partnership, OHSU, and Planning Commission in Lake Oswego. His eyes are always attuned to public policy matters when human welfare is at stake.

### 2. Operations

- **Minutes: June minutes were unanimously approved.**

#### Resolved:

- **Finance Report:** Stephanie sent out financial reports to the board on July 18<sup>th</sup> consisting of a *Balance Sheet as of June 30, 2019* and a *Profit and Loss Statement* from January to June, 2019. Members found it self-explanatory and had no questions for her or Tom. The balance is \$14,778.28 and an invoice is expected from the City for one grant covering 2017/2108 for three projects totaling \$8612.50.

**Resolved: Finance Report submitted accepted unanimously by Council.**

### 3. Reports

- **Watershed Coordinator:** Patrick's offered good news with his newborn baby yet the bittersweet admittance of necessary termination for relocation. His wife finished her PhD program at PSU and was offered a post doctoral grant program in Vermont. They are moving in early September. Stephanie announced a "going away" celebration of gratitude with our Council members before he sojourns east. Patrick reiterated the news about the HEF grant as mentioned above. He awaits word from the City on this June's grant application. Revisions were sent in with a budget around \$70,000. Jim requested a chainsaw orientation before he leaves.

- **Climate Action Plan:** Mary is investigating how data is put into i-Tree and has installed the app on her mobile device. For analysis on where we go with trees, like diversity, more data from citizens is definitely needed. This could be one feature to share at the Tree Summit. Conversation moved to this interactive forum planned for October 5<sup>th</sup> from 9:00am until noon. The first two hours as currently planned will

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be concentrated on benefits and stewardship as we look on how to better manage our urban forest. Both Stephanie and Zsolt as presenters will develop a working

vocabulary so attendees will be able to speak about stewardship and management with similar conceptual understandings. Finally, Patrick said that the interns will be doing data work in the field in August. Land use calculations with GIS are an important aspect of that.

- **Hallinan Woods Acquisition:** Barb talked with Sarah Ellison regarding the Yates two acre parcel. The City made an undisclosed offer. The owners have listed the property for \$2.5 million yet we do not know the appraisal. Barb said that the owners have rejected the City's initial offer, yet they have not pursued the residential development project. On a question regarding whether the Parks Bond will contain acquisition potential, Stephanie said that a decision regarding a community pool had not been made and could affect how the bond money gets apportioned. A member wondered whether City Councilors should be approached regarding priorities. Stephanie wondered whether a sale might be procured that included some creativity like a combination of both cash and donation. Tom said he could work something out based on assumptions but would not want to certify it. If Hallinan Wood were approached with this possibility, it might give Tom something more concrete to work with. Dan also brought up the option of neighbors using an LID if significant support could be garnered.

- **Stewardship Committee:** Barb passed out a *Project Site* handout to members. She explained what this subcommittee has been working on to improve internal processes for better communication, planning and accountability. Admittedly, record keeping needs to be enhanced and these new instruments help track work efforts as well as provide needed support for continued goals. Barb went over the projects the OLWC is currently working on and maintaining. She has a board member assigned as coordinator for each project. Tom affirmed his interest in the Wembley Park project. Mark also agreed to coordinate the Park Academy project implementation. Patrick said the Mountain Park culvert project was finished but invoices relating to the financial aspects had to be completed. Stephanie awaits an invoice from the Westlake HOA.

#### **4. New Business**

- **Hiring Patrick's replacement:** Stephanie thanked everyone for their input on the job description she sent out. Members thought the description was quite "exhaustive" and Stephanie will be working on final edits that members send. Stephanie will be accepting the applications received to the website, and some Board members volunteered to read and process applications received. Once vetted, an interview process will be set up by Stephanie. The Board talked briefly about different sites on which to publish our Project Coordinator job description. We will be accepting applications until September 1, 2019.

- **End of summer get-together and IRCO interns presentations:** This is slated for the end of August at a barbecue at Stephanie's. The board spent a brief amount of time talking about the interns' August schedule and particularly the photo monitoring sites and in-stream work.

Time elapsed so **Old Business** agenda items were continued until August's board meeting.

**Meeting Adjourns 9:40am**

**Next Meeting: Friday, August 9, 2019**