

Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition
Annual Meeting MINUTES

May 21, 2014

Judson University

Lindner Fitness Center-Alumni Room

Meeting called to order at 7:05 PM.

In attendance: Carl Missele, Rich Hirschberg, Rick Poulton, Karen Ann Miller, Holly Hudson, Rob Linke, Gary Swick, Michael Studt, Katie Goplerud, Gayle Strahmaier, Connie Friedrich, Angela Maslanka, Anthony DiCosola, Richard Carlson, Eric Secker, Robert Heintz, Jan Jamiolkowski, Greg Anliker and Joni Anliker

President Poulton described the Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition and accomplishments.

- I. Introductions – those in attendance introduced themselves and described their interest in the Tyler Creek Watershed.
- II. Review agenda - the agenda was distributed to attendees.
- III. Election of Directors – The following individuals were nominated by Carl Missele, seconded by Gary Swick and unanimously voted in for another term as directors:
 - Rick Poulton
 - Gary Swick
 - Kyla Jacobsen
 - Carl Missele
 - Rich Hirschberg
 - Holly Hudson
 - Charleen Carlsen
- IV. Minutes from the 2013 Annual meeting were reviewed and accepted as presented.
- V. Treasurer's Report – Carl reported that there is a balance of \$2481.99 in the TCWC account
- VI. General Business
 - a. Tyler Creek Fund Stabilization
 - i. Project Review – President Poulton reviewed the four projects that the Coalition has participated in:
 - a. Wing Park – stabilization
 - b. Judson University – steam bank stabilization and removal of two bridges
 - c. Kevin Ave properties with the Eagle Heights neighborhood
 - d. Spring Cove TownhomesPresident Poulton stated there are over 100 projects listed and prioritized in the Tyler Creek Plan.
 - ii. Potential funding sources for additional projects – matching funds and loans are available from the Tyler Creek fund managed by the City of

Elgin. This money is from developers for the purpose of mitigation. For the first three years the interest rate on loans from this fund is 0%. Additional funding sources include EPA 319 Grants and the Kane DuPage Soil and Water Conservation District.

- iii. Questions and Answers – questions from the attendees were answered by members of the Coalition.
- b. Creek Monitoring Results
 - i. Process Review- Rick and Gary summarized; we should all be watchdogs; educate police and other stakeholders
 - ii. Sites – Gary can provide monitoring sites
 - iii. Historical Results and Trends –Friends of the Fox collects biological data; usually stable except for an incident of paint dumping and the offender was fined by the EPA. Tyler Creek is impaired for fecal coliform and is of major concern because of issues with contact; wastewater treatment plants are monitored; the last three out of six months fecal coliform was higher than the warning level
 - iv. Questions and Answers- Mike asked what is the biggest pollutant? The biggest pollutants are sediment and nutrients or fertilizers.

VII. New Business – None

VIII. Program

- a. Rob Linke – “Overview of the Tyler Creek Management Plan and How it Impacts YOUR Backyard” – Rob defined and described streams:
 - i. Importance of health of streams
 - ii. The services streams provide
 - iii. The effects human have on streams
 - a. Dams
 - b. Development
 - iv. The value of streams
- b. Your responsibilities
 - i. Know where you live
 - ii. Shore up the shoreline
 - iii. Let nature be
 - iv. Don’t dump debris
 - v. Take care of your septic
 - vi. Keep the objectionables out
 - vii. Get permits to build
 - viii. Go easy on the green
 - ix. Join forces
 - x. Enjoy!
- c. Questions and Answers
 - 1. Jan Jamiolkowski asked what to do about a disintegrated cover on an outlet structure of a detention pond. Carl indicated that he would follow up with her on that issue
 - 2. Bob Heintz would like information about bank stabilization. Rick agreed to pursue this request.
 - 3. Greg and Joni Anliker asked if a storm drain for Brookside Dr. can become a wet bottom detention pond. In Kyla’s absence Rick committed to following up with them on this issue.

4. Angela Maslanka and Anthony DiCosola expect they will need to do bank stabilization in the future. Rick committed to work to provide them an estimate or put them in contact with a source.
5. Presidential Circle has a badly designed in-line detention pond that has silted causing a spillway that acts like a dam.
6. Richard Carlson noted that Poplar Creek has erosion issues. He has previously spoken to Gary Swick regarding this matter and understands that responsibility for this area's land management is that of the City's Public Works Dept.

IX. Adjournment – the meeting adjourned at 9:18 PM.