

Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition
Board Meeting Minutes
January 21, 2015

In attendance: Rich Hirshberg, Carl Missele, Holly Hudson, Karen Miller, Kyla Jacobsen, Charleen Carlsen, George Kanagin, guests Cindy Wendt, Mike Biskis (new member)

Motion was made by George, seconded by Karen to accept the December minutes. No additions or corrections. Unanimous

Cindy Wendt - outreach educator for FOFR in Elgin schools. Had approx 2000 students involved. She came to share how to get the students involved. Schools have changed their standardized testing model. It's going to be very complicated and labor intensive. Field trips may be problematic. Engaging more private schools and Boys & Girls Club. George Kanagin pledged \$500 towards transportation for outreach education. Provided that \$100 of that is used for transportation of Gilbert's Elementary school kids to get them in the Tyler Creek watershed. Areas for help, lots of resistance from the teachers.

George introduced Mike who runs his asphalt business. They have a "green sealcoating" product. If they get residential and/or commercial businesses that use their green sealcoating product, there will be a donation made by Phoenix & Associates. It has less volatiles, 90% less impact to the ecosystem. Mike will share product information

Holly reported that the 319 grants will focus on the Fox River watershed. Watershed based application. Focus on an area. Federal money through IEPA

Treasurer's Report – Balance is \$2415.06 which includes \$40 in new memberships that have been received. We have paid \$29 to renew the domain name. Reminder that 2015 dues are due now.

Everyone was asked to review the strategic plan before the next meeting

Sampling is on schedule. January sampling was postponed until 1/27. February sampling will be 2/16

FREP met. Karen will be leading a group to work with National Park Service to get designation for some Fox River Parks. There are criteria that need to be met. Anyone interested in working on that committee should contact Karen.

Green Town will be at the Round House in Aurora on 2/26/15. The cost is \$35/day includes breakfast and lunch.

Carl did a FOIA to get information on the Tyler Creek Fund. Balance is \$712,522. City collected ~\$500,000 from developers to do a regional detention off Tyler Creek. Spent lots of money on studies. All the plans they wanted to do were rejected by ACoE. Got a "build Illinois" grant \$500,000. Carl is recommending that the money needs to be spent to benefit Tyler Creek. TCWC will do a presentation to the City Council. 1986 was when the fund started. \$13,514.

Adjourned at 5:55 PM on a motion by George and seconded by Karen