Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition
MINUTES
December 21, 2011

The meeting was called to order by the Chair, Rick Poulton, at 4:35PM. In attendance were: Karen Miller, Char Carlsen, George Kanagin, Roland Hopson, Rich Hirschberg, Gary Swick, Ted Schnell, Carl Missele, Kyla Jacobsen and Rick Poulton

I. Reviewed agenda – no changes
II. Introductions - none
III. Review of the Minutes - Minutes from the November meeting were unanimously approved, with the date change, on a motion from Carl and seconded by Rich
IV. Treasurer’s Report – Carl reported that there is $2475 in the account and all there is nothing outstanding (bills or receipts). Carl also noted that with the new year coming, dues will be due as of January.
V. Nominating Committee – Roland will be gone at the end of December for 4 months. But, those interested in office can contact Roland &/or Ted via email
VI. Old Business
   a. Army Corp approval status – brush removal work will be happening on the streambank projects through to the spring thaw
      i. Eagle Heights – no permit as of yet. Should be this week.
      ii. Spring Cove – have the permit in hand
      iii. Judson – Rich will talk to Lane Malmquist to check on status of 319 funds
   b. Sandy Creek/Tyler Creek Monitoring – Kyla shared the latest data. Reminded sample collectors about proper filling of dissolved oxygen bottles. Missing time, sample collector’s name and temperature on several samples. Kyla will send the data along with approved monthly minutes to Becky for inclusion on the website.
   c. Tax filing – TCWC does not have to file taxes. We are looking into filing with the state of Illinois as a not-for-profit and incorporating. George made a motion to register as a NFP, Roland seconded the motion and it passed unanimously. Once that process is complete, we can look into our own 501(c)(3) status.
   d. Bylaws have been updated and are posted on the website.
   e. PR and Creek Cleanup –
      i. We missed the deadline for an IEPA Scale grant for creek cleanup. But we can include the Tyler Creek cleanup information in the Friends of the Fox River report. Please send WHO, WHAT was found, etc. to Gary Swick for reporting.
      ii. Friday 5/4 – Watershed Wanderings as part of Elgin’s Green Expo. Trying to attract municipalities throughout the watershed. Pre-event will be canoeing and a pontoon. Cultural tour, short film about threats to the river. Dinner with Gov. Quinn as speaker.
iii. Saturday 5/5 – Elgin’s Green Expo. Attracts area residents. Will have a Watershed focus this year. Activities and education focus. **TCWC should have a display.**

f. Identification of registered agent – the current officers should be listed and Carl, as the treasurer should be listed as the registered agent.

VII. New Business
   a. Other topics – nothing
   b. Next Meeting date is January 18, 2012 at 4:30
   c. Tyler Creek Website – Becky says it’s bare and needs pictures. Send whatever anyone has to Beck and copy the secretary and president (Kyla and Rick)

VIII. FOLLOW-UP TASK ASSIGNMENTS – action items
   a. Gary – getting hold of Karen with draft agenda for 5/4 and 5/5 events
   b. Gary – help Rich get Green Car contact
   c. Carl – register with the state of IL as a NFP
   d. Kyla – minutes and data to Beck for website
   e. George – send pictures and data from clean-up event
   f. Rich – follow up with EPA 319 and SSRP funding status

IX. There being no further business, the meeting adjourned at 5:25 PM