

Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition

Minutes

February 23, 2011

- I. Attendees: Karen Miller, Carl Missele, Rich Hirschberg, Rob Linke, Ted Schnell, Brian Johnson, Holly Hudson, George Kanagin, Karen Sherman, Paul Bednar, Kyla Jacobsen, Rick Poulton
- II. Treasurer's Report - Carl reported that we had an account balance of \$700. He reminded all that our dues cycle is based on the calendar year or a January 1-December 31 period
- III. Old Business
 - Tyler Creek Fund Update – Kyla reported that the draft of the related grant process is completed and that it is now pending review by the City of Elgin departments (e.g. Legal, etc.) as they will be administering these funds. It is anticipated that this review will be completed prior to our next meeting so that funds will be available well in advance of the start of any related construction work
 - The 319 grant requests
 - i. The requests for the Spring Cove and Wing Park projects will not be approved for Illinois EPA funding due to the number and amounts of requests the organization has received statewide and their prioritization of all the requests received.
 - ii. Based on the Wing park rejection it was suggested this project's funding request be redirected to the US Fish & Wildlife Service, specifically the National Fish Passage Program since this project is to remove the Wing Park dam. With the anticipated completion of the Judson University dam removal project the Wing Park dam will be the last remaining impediment to the upstream spawning, etc. efforts of certain Fox River and Tyler Creek species.
 - iii. The Eagle Heights and Judson University requests are still pending and we hope to be notified of their approval prior to our next meeting
 - SSRP Funding - As no updates have been provided we will attempt to contact the Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District for status
 - Sandy Creek monitoring- *Note updates under New Business*
 - Tyler Creek Monitoring – *Note updates under New Business*
- IV. New Business
 - Spring Creek and Tyler Creek monitoring locations will be identified by Rob for review and agreement at our March meeting so that monitoring can begin shortly thereafter
 - Kyla will conduct a brief creek sampling session at our next meeting so that sampling of these two waterways can begin shortly thereafter.

- Kyla also offered to utilize Elgin's Water Treatment facilities to analyze samples although she requested we identify what chemicals, characteristics, etc. for which testing will be required
- Next projects/efforts
 - Review plans and results of the Illinois State Watershed monitoring
 - Plan to identify pollutant and impacts of the proposed Village of Gilberts sewage treatment plant expansion
 - Determine how to best use available HUD funds to educate the residents of the Tyler Creek watershed, work with the communities to encourage code reviews, etc. and identify opportunities to influence their modifications as may be in the best interests of the watershed
- Planning for our Annual April meeting need to be detailed at the March meeting including date, publication, location, etc.

V. Next Meeting(s)

- Our next meeting is scheduled for **4:30 PM, Wednesday, March 30** in the Linder Center, 2nd floor Lundstrom Conference room of the Judson University campus