

Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition

March 30, 2011

4:30 PM – 5:30 PM

Judson University, Lindner Center, Lundstrom Conference Room

Meeting Notes submitted by Holly Hudson, and edited by Gary Swick

Attendees: Gary Swick, Holly Hudson, Ted Schnell, Carl Missele, Rob Linke, Karen Miller, George Kanagin, Char Carlson, Kyla Jacobsen, Mark Phipps, Paul Bednar, Rich Hirschberg

- I. **Review Agenda:** Gary Swick overviewed the meeting's agenda.
- II. **New Member or Guest Introductions:** Everyone in attendance introduced themselves and their affiliation and/or interest in participating in the Coalition.
- III. **Review of the Minutes from the February 22, 2011 Board Meeting:** The minutes were reviewed and approved.
- IV. **Treasurer's Report:** Carl Missele stated the Coalition has a \$600 balance. A reminder was given for everyone in attendance to pay their annual dues if they had not already.
- V. **Old Business**
 - a. **Tyler Creek Fund grant process update:** This City of Elgin fund provides up to 50% of total project costs and a three year interest free loan for up to 50% of the total project costs for projects addressing the protection and restoration of Tyler Creek. [is this correct?]
 - i. **Outstanding Bills:** Trotter and Associates has sent an invoice to the Spring Cove residents HOA.
 - ii. **Access to Funding:** Kyla Jacobsen is working with the City of Elgin's legal department on the agreement language for disseminating Tyler Creek Funds, and was hoping to go before the City Council on April 13.
 - b. **319 Grant Submission Update/Status:** Rob Linke reported that he has not received any official news yet from Illinois EPA regarding the Eagle Heights and Judson University 319 grant project proposals. He heard that Illinois EPA may delay the grant award announcements until late May or early June, depending on the status of the federal budget.
Rob also noted that the design plans for Eagle Heights and Spring Cove are at the 80% complete level; there is still some hydrologic and hydraulic analysis to do.
 - c. **SSRP Funding Update:** Gary Swick called Kelsey Musich at the Kane-DuPage Soil & Water Conservation District (KDSWCD) today. The KDSWCD Board has approved the funding proposal for the Eagle Heights project. Approval of funding for the Spring Cove project is pending the KDSWCD Board's vote at their next meeting.
 - d. **Tyler Creek and Sandy Creek monitoring:** Rob Linke provided a Tyler Creek watershed map showing 6 potential water quality monitoring locations on Tyler Creek (Judson Drive bridge, Spring Cove driveway

bridge, Old Randall Road bridge, Timber Trails bike bridge, McCormick Road, Damisch Road), 1 on Pingree Creek (Highland Avenue), and 1 on Sandy Creek (N. Lyle Avenue). He chose the locations based on the subbasins used in the Illinois State Water Survey's HSPF model. (Note: The Tyler Creek at Damisch Rd. and Pingree Creek at Highland Ave. sampling sites were proposed because road reconstruction is expected this summer on Big Timber Road near the confluence of Pingree and Tyler Creeks.) Rob has not run these proposed locations by Alena Bartesova at ISWS yet. Rob also provided a list of proposed water quality parameters to be analyzed (dissolved oxygen, temperature, pH, BOD, chloride, nitrate and nitrite nitrogen, ammonia nitrogen, total Kjeldahl nitrogen (TKN), ortho phosphate, total phosphorus, and total suspended solids, and fecal coliform. Kyla Jacobsen noted that Elgin's lab was not set up at this time to analyze BOD, TKN, ortho phosphorus, nor total phosphorus. Kyla suggested that primary and back-up samplers be identified and a training date set. It would be ideal if all the stream monitoring sites were sampled on the same day, and on the same day that ISWS staff is collecting their samples in the Fox River (which they are currently doing every six weeks).

VI. New Business

a. April Annual Meeting

- i. **Invitees:** Rich Hirschberg has left a couple messages for Harvest Bible Chapel to invite them to Coalition meetings, but he has not received a call back. George Kanagin stated he could help with contacting them. Holly Hudson suggested that a meeting announcement be provided to Becky Hoag, FREP's Communications Manager, to include in FREP's next e-Downstream e-mail news blast that Becky typically sends out the first week of each month.
 - ii. **Location:** Rich will check if the Eagle Room at the Linder Center is available.
 - iii. **Refreshments:**
- b. **Next Projects:** Holly noted that CMAP (Chicago Metropolitan Agency for Planning) will be having another call for "local technical assistance" proposals in late summer or early fall. This will be an opportunity for Tyler Creek communities to request assistance from CMAP staff with such things as review of codes and ordinances and recommendations for modifications to protect water resources.
- c. **Other:** Carl Missele noted that there are two beaver dams on Sandy Creek within 150 feet of each other, and that there was a large impoundment behind one of the dams, but they were not causing flooding at this time. Rob Linke stated that stream corridor management will be any ongoing effort, and such efforts could reduce the supply of dam-building materials available to the beavers over time. Carl also noted a property owner on Brookside who continues to mow to the creek edge and across the creek. Carl will talk with him again and report back.

VII. Next Meeting

- a. **April (Annual meeting?):** Carl and Gary along with Rick will be the committee that will **set a meeting date.**
- b.

VIII. Meeting was adjourned.