

Tyler Creek Watershed Coalition

02/19/20

MINUTES

In attendance: Carl Missele, Rick Poulton, Gary Swick, Nora Bertram, Sandra Schmulbach, Rob Linke (by phone), Holly Hudson (by phone)

I. Review agenda

II. New member and/or guest introductions - none

III. Review of the Minutes from the Last meeting - January 2020– Rick Poulton moves to approve, seconded by Carl Missele. Approved unanimously.

IV. Treasurer's/Membership Report - remember to pay your annual dues

- ☐ \$6471.12 in the checking account
- ☐ \$0.28 in interest for the year
- ☐ \$180 in dues received, included several new members

V. Old Business

1. Water Sampling – Sampling was completed on 2/17. Next scheduled date is 3/16, Gary will be out of town however his assistant Robby will do the sampling. Rick is available to sample, needs to be done by 9am.
2. Meeting w/ Ron Rudd re: Tyler Creek projects - Kyla & Carl met with Ron, talked about a lot of projects with potential. Focused on the storm sewer outfall near Tyler Creek that was done in possibly 2004 or 2006. Rob and Holly believe it was done under a 319 grant at that time, which might preclude it from further funding (doesn't look good that a grant project has fallen into disrepair, so it might not get another grant). However, it was determined that it would not hurt to ask, Holly agreed to ask and see if it could qualify. Rob will send everyone the information he has on the original project.
3. 319 grant application due in August - what are we going to propose, looking into the project listed in number 2 above.
4. How to proceed with the city and years' worth of abusing Tyler Creek/Judson involvement. A lengthy discussion surrounding Judson College, the City's responsibility and upstream communities' responsibility was had. Rob and Nora asked if Judson had a definitive list of impacts that it was seeing, before they meet with anyone it was suggested that they need to assemble a list (with photos) and estimated costs. Rob stated that upstream communities have been required to follow the Kane County Stormwater Ordinance and the group would be hard pressed to find flagrant disregard to the ordinance, it will be hard to convince communities to go above and beyond what is required. Judson would be willing to meet with the City of Elgin and present its case. Rob doubts that upstream changes (i.e. increased detention) are going to drastically improve the conditions being seen at the college, he suggested that it might be better for the college to focus on improvements on campus to mitigate their problems. The County has been working on a database of all detention basins in Kane County. This information will be helpful in enforcing maintenance requirements, however, older basins did not have the requirements that new basins have.
5. Culvert hung up in creek (Judson) - anything been done to remove it? No.

VI. New business

1. Potential threat identified by Gary Swick, Nora stated that if anyone sees something that looks like a spill they can contact the City and they will investigate. Regarding the former landfill site, Nora is not sure who monitors it as it is not in the City of Elgin, she will investigate and see what she can find out.
2. Garden Quarter – pleased with the new railing, would like contact information for contractor who did the work to see if they can hire them for additional work on private property. Looking into controlled burn. Nora and Rick will pass on controlled burn information as well as contractor information.
3. Elgin Green Expo – Carl has a table available through Elgin Community Network, if TCWC would like to use it they can coordinate with Carl, he also asked if Nora would like to bring the Enviroscope, since the ECN doesn't really have anything to present the table is available. Nora will work with consultant and see if they are interested in attending.

VII. Next Meeting – March 18, 2020, 4:30 PM at the Riverside WTP

VIII. Adjournment - 5:42 PM