

Minutes

STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE

3:30pm, Thursday, July 9, 2015

1. Call to order 3:41pm
Members present: Jason Scott, Violet Freudenberg, Ed Whiting, Joe Wolfe, and Valerie McFall
2. Approval of Minutes: Approval of May minutes. Ed made a motion to approve minutes, Valerie seconded, and all were in favor.
3. Old Business
 - A. Officers: Keeping the old officers for one more meeting and waiting for more members to elect the ones for next year.
 - B. Outdoor Classroom:
 - Garden: The vegetables are growing well. Part of the community garden grant helped buy seed. Looking for a plan for excess food grown from the garden. Suggestions included having a distribution place at the town.
 - Composting/Planters: The Boy Scout Dan is working on the composting area, he is out of town a lot this summer, but his design is complete and ready for approval. Going to take the soil and bring it up, build up and level that area. If we need the additional soil than worry about it later. The three planters will be 3x3x3; there will be posts in the ground with concrete. The front of it will have a slab that lifts up. Jason said that they built a box with a percentage of the grant money. The box that was built is around 7'x30"x3' and fits tools and will fit more items. Looking at a standing model to begin with, but it would have needed to meet guidelines so that this design was implemented. Joe asked if Jason still need a storage bin and will be offering it to the troop.
 - Artistic Cistern Project: A little longer than expected, due to the rain. The project changed to a fish design, it is going very well.
 - C. Eagle Project Report: Joe said that the Boy Scout Marcos is working on the ADA planters. The Boy Scout Dan is working on the composting area.
 - D. AmeriCorps: Joseph will be the AmeriCorps member next year. He was previously with the Halls Outdoor Classroom.
4. New Business -
 - E. SAC Annual Report Review: Any comments will be addressed at the next meeting.
 - F. Adopt a Stream Program: One thing to work on is the Adopt a Stream program. It has always been a challenge for the AmeriCorps members to keep the participants interested. Jason has put together a program called One Year Down the Drain. The program will identify problem areas and have various people (not necessarily their stream portion) to help out. This program will work together with photography and illustration in order to demonstrate the stream cleanup. 1yeartc.com is the website. Pellissippi is going to get involved with this project. This is a way to highlight the efforts of volunteers and get people excited to help improve the program. There will be a group leader and participants will be able to learn more stormwater information if interested.
 - G. Monitoring Report Review: The S&ME did the review this time. The numbers came back and our streams are listed as impairment. The sedimentation, bank stability, embeddedness of riffles were all listed as poor. The results show that we have a 95 score (less than 140 is impaired).
5. Confirm date of next meeting –The next meeting will be the second Thursday in August, the 13th, at 3:30pm.
6. Meeting was adjourned at 4:56pm.