

OPEQUON CREEK PROJECT TEAM, INC.
MINUTES OF THE MEETING
June 12, 2007

Meeting held at: James Rumsey Technical Institute, 6:00 p.m.
Facilitator: Alana Hartman, Potomac Basin Coordinator, W.V. Department of Environmental Protection

Members Present: Richard Demoske, Gary and Diane Sylvester, George Snider
Sharon Lee, Bonnie Stubblefield, Mary Palmer, Sandra Bernardi, Jim Lawrence

Circuit Rider: Kristin Mielcarek

6:05 p.m. Meeting opened by Alana Hartman.
Introductions

Financial Report: Alana Hartman reported there is a balance of \$769.16 in the Stream Partners Grant and that \$500.00 is dedicated to paying Potomac Headwaters RC & D for administrative services. After this expense, the balance will be used to pay for fecal monitoring costs. Monies from the March/April 2007 rain barrel workshop, which have now been transferred from PH RC & D to OCPT's new bank account, (approximately \$1,400.00) is to be used to pay for the costs of the June 23, 2007 workshop.

Minutes of the Meeting: Bonnie Stubblefield made a motion to approve and accept the Minutes of the May 08, 2007 Meeting, as emailed to all team members. Sandra Bernardi seconded the motion and all present voted yes to pass the motion.

Upcoming Events: June 13, 2007 Chesapeake Bay Program Director, Jeff Lape, visit/tour
June 16, 2007 Stream monitoring, biological sampling
June 23, 2007 Rain Barrel Workshop
July 10, 2007 Next Regular Meeting
July 14, 2007 Tuscarora Creek Clean Up
July 21, 2007 Opequon Creek Clean up

New Business:

1. Work with Twila Carr on new rain garden project has temporarily fallen through.
2. Alana, Frank Rogers, Gary and anyone else who interested will conduct a 30-minute session about rain barrels and rain gardens at the Watershed Celebration Day 2007, Saturday, November 3, 2007, at Lakeview Resort

in Morgantown. Website information is available at:

http://www.wvca.us/wvwn/wvwn_events.cfm

3. The team discussed the need to address time sensitive issues that arise between scheduled meeting dates and it was agreed that the president would write an amendment to OCPT bylaws and present it at the July 2007 meeting. This amendment will allow the team to vote on emergency issues by email between meetings.
4. Bonnie Stubblefield reported that Land Trust is updating their mailing list, and sent around a sign-up sheet for all who want to be on the list.
5. Richard Demoske reported that OCPT web site and literature might need a School Board approved disclaimer to be distributed to students. He agreed to e-mail this to interested people for future reference.

Old Business:

1. It was agreed the Board of Director members brief biographies are due and are to be sent to the president.

Project Updates:

1. OCPT team members and Master Gardeners, Mary Palmer and Sharon Lee reported on the W.V. State Master Gardener educational conference, especially the riparian buffer class gave by Adam West, from the W.V. Rivers Coalition. They also displayed the state award they and OCPT Master Gardeners and team members, Sandra Bernardi and George Snider received for best “ innovative project “ which was the OCPT March 2007 rain barrel workshop.
2. Alana Hartman reported that the 2006 riparian buffer tree planting on Tuscarora Creek was down to 179 out of 250-278 trees planted. The team decided to have Bill Zinner ask Creekside Anglers if they would be willing to pay for replacements. It was reported that the 2007 Ailanthus eradication effort in this buffer area was successful.
3. The team discussed tabletop display location possibilities at the Berkeley County Youth Fair, Jefferson County Fair and the Mountain State Apple Harvest Fair.
4. Jim Lawrence reported on Opequon Watershed, VA & WV, Targeted Watershed Grant and group activities. He reported that water testing has been ongoing for 13 months at 38 sites and that promotions and workshops in Best Land Use Practices and Urban Best Management Practices are necessary for the targeted TMDL’s for the entire watershed. WVU is helping to submit a grant proposal to conduct such workshops for Opequon stakeholders in both states. Tanya prepared a PowerPoint presentation (projected on screen while Jim was talking) about OCPT’s accomplishments for a recent meeting of the people working on the Targeted Watershed Grant.
5. Team members and anyone else interested are to meet on June 16, 2007 at Bunker Hill Antiques parking lot on Runnymede Rd. in Inwood for steam biological sampling. The team discussed Sherry Evasic’s biological

certified training opportunities and determined that those who wished for a more comprehensive lesson should attend Sherry's training.

6. The team discussed the OCPT web site and Sandra Bernardi reported she will have the necessary supplies and training as soon as possible.
7. Gary Sylvester reported everything is on track for the next rain barrel workshop on June 23rd at the Boston Street public works building in Martinsburg. Team volunteers should be at the site by 8 am.
8. The team will be cleaning the Opequon by boat on July 21 from Stone Bridge to Route 45. Steve Knipe has requested help from OCPT team members to clean the Tuscarora Creek on July 14 at John and Oak Street.
9. The team discussed the need to file the federal tax exemption application for nonprofit status. Sandra Bernardi has been preparing the forms and requests help from the executive committee to review and complete the application. It was agreed to do this at a separate meeting to be held on a later date.
10. Discussion of the 2007 survey of Mill Creek landowners was tabled until the July meeting

8:15 pm. Meeting adjourned.

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