

Minutes

November 4, 2010

Sleepy Hollow Village Hall

7:00 - 9:00 pm

Attendance:

Ron Dittmer	Resident	Mike Ander	Resident
Irene Dittmer	Resident	Joe Watzhawick	Resident
Christie Sabdo	Kane County	Mark Willobee	Geosyntech
Ron Muell	Resident	Jim Nelson	AISWCD
Bill Englund	Resident	Joe Haimann	Resident
Sam Salaita	Resident	Candice Jacobs	Kane-DuPage SWCD
Gloria VanCleave	Resident	Kelsey Musich	Kane-DuPage SWCD
Frank F. Stoneham	Resident	Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller	Kane-DuPage SWCD

Candice Jacobs called the meeting to order at 7:09 p.m.

Introduction/ October 7th meeting recap

Jim Nelson from the Association of Illinois Soil and Water Conservation Districts (AISWCD) introduced the purpose of watershed planning for the Illinois Environmental Protection Agency (IEPA).

- Jim stated that IEPA is funding this project. Since IEPA is funding the watershed plan, they have a set of 9 minimum elements or criteria for what should be included in the plan.
- IEPA is interested in water quality. Other concerns can be addressed but funding from IEPA will be for projects that address water quality.
- In the 60's, Clean Water act said that USEPA had to look at water pollution. They focused on point sources of pollution at that time. Now, USEPA is regulating non-point source pollution as well. They are primarily concerned with surface water. Nonpoint sources are currently being regulated under the NPDES phase II program. This includes stormwater which carries pollutants such as road salts, pcbs, sediments and other nutrients that get added to our surface waters.
- Importance of stakeholders- Local residents need to contribute their knowledge, concerns, and assistance because they know the area the best and have a vested interest in the watershed.
 - Kelsey Musich added that the goal is to have stakeholders from entire watershed not just people who can see the stream from their property because they can affect the water too. This includes those in the headwater area on the outskirts of communities and in unincorporated areas. Please spread the word of our initiative and encourage others to attend future meetings.

- IEPA puts 60% of funding towards groups with watershed based plans, so future grant applicants submitting for projects within an IEPA approved plan will rise to the top of the application pile.

Mission statement

The group read through sample watershed plan mission statements and then brainstormed words and concepts to be included in a mission statement for the Jelkes Creek Watershed plan.

The mission statement is meant to capture the broad idea of the direction of the watershed plan.

The group agreed on the following draft mission statement:

The mission of the Fox River-Jelkes Creek Watershed Plan is to improve water quality through outreach and best management practices including but not limited to green infrastructure practices and restoration of riparian areas.

DraftGoals

Draft watershed goals were created prior to the meeting using the concerns that the stakeholders expressed at the October 7th meeting. The group reviewed these goals and made suggestions. The group then prioritized the goals.

The group ranked the goals as follows

1. Improve Water Quality
2. Maintain, preserve, and enhance ecosystems
3. Preserve natural aspects of geology in the watershed
4. Educate the public

See revisions to draft goals attached

Next Steps

- Review the draft mission statement
- Present draft watershed description
- Award contract for watershed inventory
- Organize a tour of the watershed

There will be a technical committee meeting on November 19th at the Kane-DuPage SWCD office.

Next Meeting(s)

The next meeting will be January 12th from 7:00-9:00 p.m. at the Sleepy Hollow Village Hall

The meeting was adjourned at 8:40 PM