

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: May 21, 2019
Meeting Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Written By: Eric Long & Taylor Hillyer, Portage SWCD
Client: Portage County

Location of Meeting: Portage County SWCD

Purpose of Meeting: Portage County Storm Water Task Force Meeting

Attendees: Eric Long – Portage County SWCD
Taylor Hillger - Portage County SWCD
John Trew – Portage County Engineer
Mary Helen Smith – Portage County Health District
Amos Sarfo – Portage County Health District
Jim Greener – Alternate for Portage County Board of Commissioners
David Garnier - Portage County Prosecutor's Office
Patrick Jeffers – City of Ravenna
Jennifer White – Portage Park District
John Zizka – Freedom Township
Sue Fields – Brimfield Township
John Kovacich – Atwater Township

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Listed below are general discussion topics.

1. Take-aways from the Ohio Storm Water Conference. Eric, Taylor, Mary Helen and Amos all attended the conference, some of the highlights discussed were:
 - a. Underground Detention
 - b. Ohio Water Law
 - c. Watershed Planning
 - d. Stream Restoration
 - e. Clear Choices, Clean Water
 - f. GIS Software for outfall mapping
 - g. OEPA Boot Camp
2. Eric mentioned that the next task force meeting will include the annual good housekeeping training.
 - a. The PARTA facility on Summit St was suggested as a potential site for holding the Good Housekeeping training meeting.
 - b. Jennifer White suggested that there are a couple of employees with the Portage Parks District that could benefit from the good housekeeping training and would we please include them on the invitation.
3. Storm Water Education
 - a. Taylor updated the group on the status of the three active Storm Water Education Grants.
 - i. Windham – received grant money, equipment acquisition to begin this summer

- ii. Biomed Lower Academy – received grant money, installation to begin this summer
 - iii. Kent Roosevelt HS – Acquired equipment in April and has already begun utilizing with students including several water sampling events
 - b. Taylor discussed several upcoming programs and workshops.
 - i. Edith Chase Symposium – Resurrection River
 - ii. Kent Torch Fest
 - iii. Perils of Plastic Pollution
 - iv. Horse and Livestock Pasture Management programs, including farm to table dinner
 - v. Educator workshops
 - vi. Information for all of these events is available on the PSWCD website
- 4. PCHD update
 - a. Amos went over the first quarter activities for the storm water IDDE program and the HSTS nuisance complaint inspections
 - b. Mary Helen discussed the status of the WPCLF grant program and indicated that all the funds will be utilized prior to the expiration deadline. She also mentioned that they will try for the grant again for 2020 if the OEPA makes it available.
- 5. Open Comments
 - a. Patrick Jeffers brought up the Memorandum of Agreement between the City of Ravenna and PSWCD for MS4 services (education component), and the fact that the 5 year term for the MOA is expiring this year and needs to be addressed.
 - b. Jim Greener asked for an update on the status of the amendments to the storm water resolutions. Eric indicated that both the IDDE and construction resolutions are in final draft form and are awaiting adoption by the Board of Commissioners.
 - c. Jim Greener also asked about the submission of the Annual Report to the EPA. Eric indicated that the report was submitted in the same manner that it has been submitted in recent years, but that next year the report will likely be submitted using the OEPA online submission tool.
- 6. Next SWTF Meeting: August 20th, 2019; 10:00 am; location to be determined.

The summary provided herein represents the preparer's best understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. Please review for accuracy and completeness and advise EMH&T of any errors or omissions within five (5) business days of issuance.

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