

Environmental Board Meeting

May 9, 2012

Call to order: 7:02 pm

Members Present: Ruth Caputo, Martha Dahlinger, Catherine Niessink, Marty Sepanik, Spencer Welling, Tim Winslow, Chris Barnes, Sarah Perry

Excused Absences: Bill Beck

Note: There will be two new members to the Environmental Board; they will begin their tenure in June.

Minutes: April Minutes Approved

Old Business:

- Next year's goals and objectives & progress report is the same as last years.
- Garlic Mustard Pull Report (Event occurred on April 21st, 2012)
 - 10 people participated in the event
 - Good Support from the Park Rangers
 - Pulled over 390 pounds of Garlic Mustard.
 - Difficulties arose when Garlic Mustard was intertwined with other plants.
 - Thoughts/Lessons learned
 - Handout given out to residents around the park, informing them of the Garlic Mustard and to help keep the park clear of Garlic Mustard
 - There needs to be a maintenance plan for when there is a soil disturbance from road construction because Garlic Mustard spreads easily with disturbed soil. Chris will do research on the issue and report back to the board next month.
 - The pull was educational to the community.
 - Ruth suggested going door to door informing residents of Garlic Mustard in their back yard.
 - A subcommittee was formed to establish a method for spreading awareness of Garlic Mustard. Catherine, Martha, Tim, Ruth volunteered to be on this committee.
- Green-a-thon Report (Event occurred on April 28th, 2012)
 - Youth Advisory has not had a meeting yet to discuss the success of the Green-a-thon.
 - Weather influenced attendance drastically.
 - Thoughts/Lessons learned
 - The weather made displaying posters difficult.
 - People were educated on Garlic Mustard from the EBs display
 - Alternative indoor sites could be used to omit any weather difficulties.
- Fishing Fair – Final Drafts (May 19th, 10 am – 1pm at Ramona Park)
 - EB members will arrive at 9:30 to set up.

- EB will educate people about Garlic Mustard and will also pull Garlic Mustard.
- Members volunteering: Catherine, Tim, Spencer, Marty, Bill, Sarah and Ruth.
- Chris will provide a map of Ramona Park if one is available.
- Park Partnerships
 - Ruth met with Ralph Caldwell and toured the Westlake and they felt that the correct steps are being done at the park.
 - Ruth attended a meeting with the Westlake Association where around 40 members present.
 - Other EB members were not able to communicate with their park board representative.

Ongoing Items:

- Water Treatment plant landscaping is going very well but there is no landscape plan at the moment. The trees that are currently at the site, will be left there until the burns are scheduled to be removed. Martha will inform the EB when more information is available from Native Connections.
- Purple Loosestrife(PLS)
 - June Portager will have information on PLS and on Garlic Mustard. Any information regarding PLS needs to be in by the middle of the next week. No pictures of PLS are needed for the Portager. There are seasonal focuses in the Portager so coordinating environment related articles would be beneficial.
 - Ruth will talk to the Park Board about helping in a PLS pull later this summer around August.
 - Marty should be ordering the PLS beetles later this month. He will receive the beetles through overnight shipping, and then the release will happen the next day. Marty will let us know when the beetles come in and when the release will occur.
 - Marty will educate the Environmental Board about PLS
 - The Public Access Channel wishes to have a program about PLS to inform the public. The Producer, Ashley, may be present at the June meeting.
- Single Stream Recycled
 - The contractor bids have been received and the lowest bid was Republic. Chris will gather information on the bids and then he will inform us more on the issue regarding costs, size of bins, etc.
- The display board at Lakeview park will be changed to PLS information in June.

Environmental Board needs to make sure members attend events such as Green Drinks at Old Dog Pub.

No Public citizens were present.

Environmental Board wants to have a memo on the EB's website relaying the public to contact the Environmental Board if they have any questions regarding invasive species.

Meeting Adjourn: 8:29

