

Black Creek Watershed Coalition Meeting Minutes

Date: June 30, 2008

Time: 6:00 p.m.

Location: Byron Community Park, Picnic Pavilion, McElver Street

Attendance: Rochelle Bell; Dan DeRoose; Peggy Grayson; Roger Rouse; Tom Ryther; Christine Seville; Judy Spring; George Squires

Action items are underlined.

1. Introductions; assignment of roles; changes to this agenda; review and approval of the May 2008 minutes, and correspondence:

Approval of Minutes: Minutes of May 29, 2008, were approved.

Correspondence: Dave Lindsey of Chili asked group to support grant application for sidewalk on Union Street from Chili Avenue to Black Creek Park – Rochelle unsure which side of street sidewalk would be on. George Squires moved we support it, but the group has questions: Why do this; is there a danger there? Is there a trail plan that the sidewalk is part of? How would the sidewalk positively impact watershed? (It encourages walking thereby decreasing the amount of oil and grease washed into streams by stormwater runoff.) Does the sidewalk go over bridge? Rochelle will talk to him.

Steve Appleton, Cool Kids, has a “Cool Kids Green Kids” event every Friday night in Brockport. He invited the Black Creek Watershed Coalition to be a guest (Have a display table and an activity for kids). The event will be on Friday, August 1, 7:00 to 8:00 p.m. at Sagawa Park, corners of Erie and Main (Route 19) Streets -- in front of Brockport Diner. Rochelle will call about borrowing the watershed model from the League of Women Voters. General agreement to attend and some volunteers to staff the table.

2. Map Guide:

Christine showed photos she has taken in the watershed. George & Christine went out looking for pictures today before the meeting. Will go with black and white (unless color is really affordable). Members sent some pictures, but it's hard to get ones of sufficient quality use in this fashion. Question – do we need more pictures?? May want a picture of agriculture fields and some with people. Also a farm market – possibly Chili at 33 and Westside Drive or a person in a canoe – possibly in Churchville Park. Maybe we could stage fishing and boating pictures at the DEC boat launch. Rochelle will email everyone the link to Christine's gallery and ask for additional pictures and ideas of places to take pictures.

Rochelle is still working on Map Guide text.

3. Newsletter:

In good shape but we need an agricultural article. Rochelle showed group a mock up. The suggestion was that Tom Rivers of the Daily News might be able to help or have some information. Rochelle will contact Tom Rivers and may contact Dan who has someone in his office that might be able to help.

Christine suggested using Monroe Litho to print projects, uses recycled paper.

4. Website: Nothing new to report.

5. Update on RC&D meeting:
Rochelle went to meeting last week. USDA position as Program Coordinator still open. Taking applications for two more weeks (thru 7/13). Position is to seek and write grant applications. The RC&D holds some of the BCWC's funds but don't want to hold them after the end of this year. The Council is supportive of watershed groups.

Grants: Dave Zorn, Genesee/Finger Lakes Regional Planning Council may be making progress.
Dan – pond in Chili, his organization will be working on it \$17,000. Dan will do write up for newsletter.

Dan gave us update on Stottle Road project.

Tom wondered about the committee being active in promoting these types of projects – yes.

6. Display Boards:
Rochelle – Scottsville Library doesn't have one. Soil & Water Conservation District has a small one, etc. Still missing large one.
7. Cool Kids, Green Kids event in Brockport:
Discussed (see above).
8. Plan next meeting:
July 30, 2008; Genesee County Park
9. New Business
Dan – Genesee Greenway – the only section not done is Black Creek and Little Black Creek.
Wondered why it isn't finished. Suggested talking to Pat Tindale. There may be ownership issues

Kimmie Romeo – Keep America Beautiful – Litter Audits.

Rochelle – There is a group looking at the impact of the built environment on the physical activity and a bike path group Dan might be interested in. Rochelle will call Dan with info about Bike Path group and send Dan Pat Tindale's contact info about the greenway.

Peggy gave an update on pharmaceutical collection effort in western New York.

10. Hike to Drew's Nature Center:

Motion to adjourn.