

Moodna Creek Watershed Intermunicipal Council

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MEETING MINUTES

10:00am Thursday October 25, 2018

Village Hall, Village of Woodbury

Meeting began at 10:15 am

Council members present: *See attached sign-in sheet*

Council Business

Vote on meeting minutes from July: no comments

Legoland and other construction project issues: Tracy Shuh stated that there have been issues that resulted in soil erosion from Legoland as well as the Greens of Chester. The suggestion was made to reestablish riparian buffers along the Black Meadow Creek and the Otterkill Watershed. Another concern raised by attendees was undersized drainage from Legoland construction which has led to the filling of wetlands and has resulted in water pollution. It was stated that there have been six DEC violations. While the DEC has been cooperative with the developers, F. Palermo noted that action should be taken to result the underlying issues. Legoland has promised they would conduct testing in Black Meadow Creek, Purgatory Swamp, and the Otterkill to prove their case against pollution, but there have not been any tests done. K. Ahmadi brought up another water quality concern from development in the Watershed, noting that the proposed Clovewood development's (Village of South Blooming Grove) wastewater treatment plan will drain to Satterly Creek. The issue was raised that the DEC should use SWPP penalties to directly address restoration and mitigation needed due to the violation.

A motion was made by F. Palermo and seconded by B. Coyne to send a letter to the DEC to express concern about regulations in the stormwater manual (blue book), specifically that they are in need of update based on recent precipitation patterns, and that penalties be used for related remediation actions. Brendon Coyne seconded the motion. Unanimous vote among voters.

Science and Outreach Committee report:

Stream gages: K. Morris gave an update on the status of the project, which has been granted-funded to the OCWA from the NYSDEC's Hudson River Estuary Program. The goal is to purchase and install stream gages for water quality although the funds could also be used for a gage to monitor water stage, which could be used for flood monitoring. The Council had previously, although informally, agreed to provide \$8,000 to assist in the project. A vote is needed to expend the funds. N. Crouse made motion, seconded by J. Hernandez. All in favor. A meeting will be scheduled soon for Council members and the consultant to brainstorm.

Kiosks: Two kiosks are underway: the first will be installed in South Blooming Grove, the second one will likely be located in South Blooming Grove. J. Beaumont will be scoping out a graphic designer to enhance the presentation of kiosk panels.

Outreach events: Ideas suggested by the Committee include an educational workshop focusing on stormwater management, a dinner lecture, and additional outdoor events.

Meeting adjourned at 11:45

Executive Committee

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Village of Chester

Town of Cornwall

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Town of Goshen

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Next meeting **January 31, 2019.**

