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Brown’s Creek Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, April 9, 2018 at 6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Stillwater Public Library – 2nd Floor Conference Room

CAC Members Attending:
Karen Richtman
Paul Richtman
Jyneen Thatcher
Rick Vanzwol
Laurie Mainquist
George Vania

Others Attending:
Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator
Sharon Schwarze, BCWD Board Liaison
Mike Majeski

1) Call the meeting to order at 6:00 PM

2) Introductions/Approve Agenda

3) Approved minutes from February 12, 2018 meeting.

4) Unique Species Inventory by Mike Majeski, EOR
   - CAC discussed ways to share the information about the unique species of BCWD:
     i) Halloween or summer campfire to share the info on “scary” creatures like: starry mole, horsehair worm, brown cowbird, tiger salamander, buckthorn
     ii) Talk to Linda Radimecky, MN DNR, about idea

5) CAC Job Description
   - Karen Richtman shared first draft. Group discussed and proposed some edits. Karen Richtman will edit and resend it to the group.

6) 110th Street Species Survey – CAC will be doing weekly bird and plant surveys on the Brown’s Creek Conservation Easement Area
   - Follow up items for BCWD staff:
     i) Add Brown’s Creek plant list to website
     ii) Set up a Google Doc: plants, birds (frequently during migration), amphibians, mammals and send to CAC participants
• Discussed ways to determine locations of species by either mapping at each visit or are there ways to take GPS coordinates using iphone photographs? Would like for an annual map to be made of the species present.

• iNaturalist: look into whether this may be a good app for tracking species on the property and a future training opportunity

7) CAC Meeting Dates for 2018 – discussed changing bimonthly meeting dates. Determined to continue as scheduled until further reconsideration.

8) Finalizing dates/locations for open yard series
   • June- Croixwood Raingarden Maintenance (Lead: Karen & Paul Richtman) – train landowners on RG maintenance before taking responsibility beginning 2019
   • June - Suburban Yard: Woodland/Natives/Raingarden/Rainbarrel (Location/Lead: Connie Taillon – Legends on west side of Long Lake in Stillwater)
   • July -Urban Beekeeping, native bees, and Long Lake shoreline restoration (Locations/Lead: Anne Maule Miller- Croixwood in Stillwater)
   • August - Prairies: Installation and Maintenance of a new prairie (CAC Lead: Laurie Mainquist) – event location Iona Holsten and Tammy Holsten
   • Summer Hands-on Events: Critter exploration in watershed ponds, lakes, or creek (Lead: Larry Timmerman) – plan to coordinate with Stillwater Summer “adventure clubs”
   • September 8th – 10am-noon - Brown’s Creek City Trail Walk – Buffers and Stormwater Management in Millbrook and Brown’s Creek Cove (Lead: George Vania)
   • September – Watershed Community Event in Brown’s Creek Park
   • Fall Buckthorn management events – 110th Street/Millbrook HOA

9) Article Ideas for the Watershed District newsletter
   • Newsletter: Highlight Richtman’s/conduct an interview
   • CAC should submit any newsletter ideas to Karen Kill by April 30th