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Brown’s Creek Watershed District
Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting
Monday, June 12, 2017  6:00-8:00 p.m.
Location: Stillwater Public Library – 2nd Floor Conference Room

CAC Members Attending:
Karen Richtman, CAC Chair
Paul Richtman
Jynee Thatcher
George Vania
Rick Vanzwol

CAC Absent:
Larry Timmerman
Jim Norton

Others Attending:
Anne Maule Miller, BCWD Board
Sharon Schwarze, BCWD Board
Karen Kill, BCWD Administrator

1) Chair Karen Richtman called the meeting to order at 6:05 PM
2) Approved Agenda as presented
3) Approved April 10, 2017 CAC Minutes as presented
4) Updates
   a) Gathering Partners Workshops and Conference - sharing from those that attended
      • Paul Richtman – increase participation by including wording that helps people understand that they are a part of a bigger effort (i.e. “people in our cool people group act like this…”), would be interesting to get access to the stream geomorphology model, yard watch program through Cornell University
      • Karen Richtman – would like to see how the Watershed Game could be used in BCWD
      • Karen Kill – Master Water Stewards and Master Naturalists may be a good place to engage additional CAC and/or volunteers for vegetation maintenance projects
   b) 110th Street property update – Karen Kill provided brief update on the results of the survey and remaining questions that will be presented to the BCWD Board in June
   c) CAC Membership Recruitment
• Ideas for additional recruitment:
  (1) Volunteer Clearing Houses, such as Community Thread – would need to put together an advertisement with hours and job description. Karen Richtman and Karen Kill will work on further prior to next CAC meeting.
  (2) Facebook Promotion – “do you want to help, send us a message”
  (3) Sign up at Sept 16th event
  (4) Signage at Brown’s Creek Kiosks
  (5) Direct communications: BMP Recipients, Master Water Stewards, Master Naturalists, Master Gardeners, CAC reach out to neighbors or friends

5) Training – Brown’s Creek Park Rock Crib – postponed until August CAC meeting

6) Community Event – Sept 16th at Brown’s Creek Park 9-1pm
   a) Theme: BCWD 20th Birthday
   b) Need: Tables, garbage, recycle, portapotties, Tents?, Prizes (EMWREP?)
   c) Volunteers: BCWD CAC, BCWD staff, BCWD Board, SAHS Students, DNR, EMWREP, Gateway/BC Trail Association
   d) Volunteer identifier – badge?, shirts?, hat?
   e) Donations: Apples? (Axedahl or Aamodts?)
   f) Food: Invite food trucks? Ice Cream Trucks? Serve Free ice cream?
   g) Promotion: Facebook, Gateway/BC Trail Association, Chamber of Commerce event list, schools, website, community newsletter or websites
   h) Stations/Session/Presenter Ideas:
      • Crazy carnival with recycled stuff – Karen Richtman
      • Birding
      • Warner Nature Center (bird banding?)
      • Macroinvertebrates from Brown’s Creek (HS Students)
      • Dragon fly Society
      • Herpetologist
      • The Bug Guy (OPH or SCRA have his contact)
      • St. Croix River Association
      • Fly fishing (DNR volunteer contact)
      • Art Reach/Franconia Spin Art bike
      • Gateway/BC Trail Association
      • BINGO prize for various stations
      • Tour of Brown’s Creek Rock Crib (BCWD staff)
      • Face Painting (SAHS Art students?)
      • Balloon animals (fish/fishing pole – could one of us learn to do this? Or kids do own as a demo)
      • Carnival Games – fish pond over a shower curtain – prize with clean water message
      • Walking tours – Millbrook stormwater system and Heifort Hills, Tree and Shrub ID though maple forest along dirt walking trail
      • Fall birding walk with Bob Bystrom

7) Next Steps –
   a) Next CAC meeting on Monday, August 14th, 2017 – topic 20th Anniversary Community Event

8) Adjourn at 8pm