



Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee

c/o McHenry County Soil and Water Conservation District
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815-338-0099

Minutes

Meeting of the Nippersink Creek Watershed Planning Committee_of January 5, 2006, at 7:00 pm, held at the Alden Township Office, 8515 Alden Road, Harvard, IL.

Members Present: Dan Wilson, Chris Paluch, Cindy Skrukrud, Randy Stowe, Rob Linke, Orrin Bangert, Lucy Piechota & Dick Hilton

I Approval of Minutes (November 3, 2005) On a motion by and second by, the committee approved the minutes of the meeting of November 3, 2005

II Treasurers Report – No Report

III Public Comments - None

IV Unfinished Business:

- a. Planning Committee meeting site. (Hilton)
 1. Review of correspondence received from FSA. **The committee discussed and voted to refer the matter to the SWCD Board of Directors for review and possible resolution.**
- b. Status & Review of update to plan.
 1. Review of Sub-watershed maps (Rob Linke) **(a) Rob presented a draft of the subwatershed maps in both hard copy and electronic format on cd and presented them to the committee for review & discussion. Copies were sent to Ed Collins at MCCD with request for review, edification and comment. Discussion followed on the need for identifying areas of concern within subwatersheds which prompted further discussion on the need to clearly identify and work to protect the smaller environmentally sensitive areas located within each subwatershed. By consensus, the committee agrees on the importance of protecting these areas and not allowing them to get lost in the bigger picture as we proceed with our efforts to update the plan and develop implementation schedules. The uniqueness of the Tryon Creek subwatershed was used as an example and Lucy Piechota agreed to communicate with both Randy Stowe and Rob and to share the narratives on this area that were developed by a group of concerned residents committed to protecting the natural resources therein. (b) The committee then reviewed the funding of our efforts and Chris Paluch agreed to invoice NIPC the week of 1/10 and on a motion by Cindy Skrukrud and second by Dan Wilson, the committee unanimously agreed to forward their \$5,000 cost share commitment to the grant to the McHenry County Defenders. (c) The committee reviewed with Rob Linke the need for an electronic copy of the McHenry County Comprehensive Land use Plan. Rob will communicate our needs to Cindy Skrukrud who will then work with the Director of the McHenry County Planning & Development Department. Hilton will contact the SWCD Board and discuss the feasibility of using the intergovernmental agreement that that they have with McHenry County to assist the committee (a subcommittee of the SWCD) to obtain “parcel” maps in an electronic format. (d) There was a brief discussion on the development of an outreach program and it will be on the February meeting agenda.**
- c. NIPC Stream Inventory (Tim Loftus) **No report – Cindy Skrukrud is working with Tim Loftus to see what information is available.**
- d. Signage – “Entering Watershed” (Hilton)
 1. IDOT Contact, (State Highway (“Watershed sign”) **Hilton is waiting to hear from Jack Frank’s office staff on who to contact at IDOT.**

2. County contact, (Nippersink ID sign) Cindy Skrukrud agreed to contact the McHenry County Highway Dept.

- e. Pappas property update **A letter from the U.S. Army Corps of Eng. To the developer of this property was distributed to the committee for review. The committee authorized the Chair to communicate with the USACOE, our willingness to assist where needed in monitoring this project.**
- f. Wonder Lake NPDES Permit application update (Hilton) **Hilton advised that the “draft” permit is scheduled to go out for public review in early February of this year.**
- g. Bull Valley annexations on Rte 120 (Hilton) **The proposed annexation of properties to the north & south of Route 120 between Thompson Road and E. Wonder Lake Road, to include a portion of Wonder Lake was reviewed by the committee.**

V New Business

- a. Review of McHenry County Draft Land Use Plan **Following a brief discussion the committee decided to remain neutral on the support for the drafts that are being considered by McHenry County’s Planning & Development committee.**
- b. McHenry County Groundwater Issues **Information printed in the NW Herald was presented to the committee for review.**
- c. Hay & Associates C-2000 grant application through FREP **The application seeking funds to support monitoring activities above and below wastewater treatment plants located on the North Branch of the Nippersink was discussed and the committee authorized Cindy Skrukrud to develop a letter of support for the grant and submit it to the Chair for signature and submittal.**

VI Next Meeting - February 2, 2006 at the Alden Township Hall

VII Adjournment - On a motion by Lucy Piechota and second by Dan Wilson, the meeting was adjourned at 9:05 p.m.