

# **Friends of Yellow Creek**

Minutes of Meeting Held November 15, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.

The Friends of Yellow Creek (FOYC) met at 3864 W. Bath Rd. in the Trustees Meeting Room on Monday, November 15, 2010. In attendance were Ron Czerski, Joe Hoffmann, Elaina Goodrich, Marty Murphy, Maryanne Rackoff, Sabet Sabet, Norma Setteur, and Tracie Tsai.

## **I. CALL TO ORDER**

Marty Murphy called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

## **II. APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Joe Hoffmann made a motion to approve the minutes of October 18, 2010 and Sabet Sabet seconded the motion. The minutes were approved.

## **III. REMARKS OF THE CHAIR**

No Remarks

## **IV. REPORTS AND ANNOUNCEMENTS**

Maryanne Rackoff reported that she attended, in Buffalo, NY, The Healing Waters – Great Lakes Coalition, 6<sup>th</sup> Annual Great Lakes Restoration Conference. The topics that were addressed were: Lake Erie now has full funding, large funding goes towards restoration efforts and much discussion took place on invasive species.

She reported on the separation of the watersheds since the Mississippi River has the invasive Asian Carp. The U.S. Army Corps of Engineers stated that there are 36 Great Lakes Hydraulic Connectors and there are six areas in Lake Erie, including the Maumee River and Ohio Erie Canal. An eight foot chain link fence has been reported to have been constructed between the Wabash and Maumee River. Another effort that has been reported to control the problem is a two million dollar grant awarded to the Great River Fish Company in Illinois to supply China with thirty million pounds of Asian Carp which is considered a delicacy in their country.

It has also been reported through Toledo Renewable Energy that drugs have been detected in waterways where thresholds have reached ten parts per billion with no regulation. Inventories show that newer drugs in the waterway can metabolize and cause great harm. Mrs. Goodrich stated that in the short time that the township has implemented the drug collection box located in the Bath Center parking lot, over half a ton of medicine has been received and incinerated.

The next Great Lakes Coalition conference will be held in 2011. Great Lakes advocates have been instrumental in winning support from President Obama and the U.S. Congress for the Lakes through the \$475 million Great Lakes Restoration Initiative. The next gathering is at the nation's capitol March 1-2 to ensure that the nation continues its commitment to the Great Lakes and the millions of people who depend on them for their jobs and way of life. Attend Great Lakes Day and learn about latest policy updates,

receive message training, visit with Congressional officials and staff and help advance Great Lakes restoration and economic recovery.

Marty Murphy reported that he attended the American Planning Association meeting where Jeff Kerr and Wendy Molnar made a report on Copley's Comprehensive Plan. The plan covered colored pervious concrete, green roof technology and swales to control storm water runoff.

## **V. OLD BUSINESS**

The Water Quality Committee submitted a report of goals and progress for the committee. A proposal was made for an equipment purchase request but it was put on hold until revisions are made due to an item being unintentionally left off. Ron Czerski asked if e-coli was going to be tested. The committee reported at the current time that it is not an item being tested but they will look further into it. Mrs. Goodrich offered the suggestion that they include more details in their new proposal such as who, what, where, when and why to be submitted in 2011. The committee is scheduled to meet on Monday, November 22, 2010 at 7 p.m. When the revised proposal is complete, it will be sent to Marty Murphy, Chair, for submission to the township trustees.

Ron Czerski updated the committee on the Stream Naming project. Ron reported that he continues to make contact with community members in an effort to name the streams. He reported that in order to receive USGS approval, there has to be two sources for documentation. He is going to arrange a meeting with Tim Bailey, Summit County Engineer, to discuss his progress and to compare data. Mrs. Goodrich also made the suggestion to contact Ron Grey with ODNR for further information.

Maryanne Rackoff and Marty Murphy offered suggestions to the current FOYC brochure. The suggestions were given to Tracie Tsai to make revisions and submit a draft version to the committee for review and further suggestions.

## **VI. NEW BUSINESS**

A motion was made, seconded and approved to cancel the FOYC meeting scheduled on Monday, December 20, 2010.

The meeting schedule for 2011 was submitted and approved by the committee.

2011 FOYC Meeting Schedule:

3<sup>rd</sup> Monday of the Month at 7:00 p.m. (\*Exception due to holiday)

Monday, January 10, 2011\*

Monday, February 28, 2011\*

Monday, March 21, 2011

Monday, April 18, 2011

Monday, May 16, 2011

Monday, June 20, 2011

Monday, July 18, 2011

Monday, August 15, 2011

Monday, September 19, 2011

Monday, October 17, 2011

Monday, November 21, 2011

Monday, December 19, 2011

Discussion took place regarding nominations for 2011 Chair, Co-Chair and Secretary. The committee voted to keep the current slate of officers through 2011:

Marty Murphy, Chair

Maryanne Rackoff, Co-Chair

Norma Setteur, Secretary

All officers accepted their extension of their current positions. It was suggested to establish a nominating committee for a new panel of officers to be elected in 2012.

## **VII. 2011 OBJECTIVES**

- NEFCO ACTION PLAN Priorities Review
- Water Quality Index
- Firestone Trace WWTP Upgrade

## **VIII. NEXT MEETING**

The next meeting will be **Monday, January 10, 2010 at 7:00 p.m.** at 3864 W. Bath Rd., in the Trustee's Meeting Room.

## **IX. ADJOURNMENT**

Norma Setteur made a motion to adjourn the meeting. Sabet Sabet seconded the motion. The meeting was adjourned at 8:35 p.m.

Submitted by: Norma Setteur