

Minutes
Warm Springs Watershed Association Board Meeting
Morgan County Extension Office
March 27, 2019

Attendance: Kate, Andy, Norman, Mike, Jeff, Rebecca, Bob.
Excused: Betty Lou, Stan, Holly Guest: Samantha Keefer

Announcements and Reports

Samantha reviewed the progress made with Holly on the Make-it-Shine rack card. Rebecca motioned to edit the text, get cards printed by the Morgan Messenger and distributed at a cost of less than \$125, for the event on Apr 9. The motion was seconded by Jeff and approved.

Legal Notification of the annual meeting was printed in the Morgan Messenger.

Tree Pruning Work at three sites along Rt 522 (Daisy Abbot, Double T and Debbie Dahre) has been completed and will not be repeated next year.

Rain Garden Work is scheduled for March 28 @ 8:00AM

The Hugel Planting scheduled for April 2 is postponed until more trees are on hand.

Secretary's Report

The February Minutes were accepted by common consent.

Treasurer's Report

There are no debits this month. The Tennessee Nursery's duplicate payment was returned. The balance as of today is \$21,007.97. The report was filed to audit.

Committee Reports

Finance Committee:

There was nothing to report.

Advocacy:

Jeff forwarded two notices on 2/27 and encourages us to respond with a personal note.

Membership Report:

There are no new members. Bob renewed for 3 yrs and gets a t-shirt.

Program Committee/Elizabeth Byers' Program

She will present her wetlands program on Aug 12 at a location TBD. She is offering training for volunteers, details to be announced.

Stream Monitoring

Locations for first monitoring were not discussed. Rebecca suggested it would be nice to have a summary of monitoring results over several years. This summary would be of use to the town sewer/water commission.

Webmaster's Report:

Mike and Holly met on Mar 6 to discuss Facebook and Website issues. There is some need for improved appearance. A FB "event" for Make-it-Shine will be created with content designed to attract participants outside of our association.

Unfinished Business

My BMP Spring Program/Tree Planting at Sheetz

Mike and Zach will flag the 12 trees for Sheetz on Apr 2 and Sheetz will dig the holes. Bob, Rebecca and Mike volunteered to move the trees from CI to Kate's yard on Apr 5. We will also transport trees for the High School project and the Hugel work. Mike and Zach will sort the BMP before the demonstration planting at Sheetz on Apr 6 at 2 pm.

The 2019 Spring CommuniTree planting at the High School is set for April 12. The trees will be delivered to the greenhouse on Apr 5.

Boardwalk in Wetlands

Bob will do some test digging to determine how difficult it will be to set the posts. We might need funds to rent a powered auger.

Purple Loosestrife Beetles

It was agreed that we would no longer spray the leaves, but let the beetles do their work, hopefully from year to year.

New Business

The Volunteer of the Year Award Recipient luncheon is April 27. We voted Holly Hook as our volunteer for her work on the polo shirts, and nudging us into the modern age for marketing and publicity. The deadline to submit the name and obtain tickets for the luncheon is Mar 31.

Planning for Annual Meeting

Mike will send out an email announcement to all members. The meeting will be held at the WVU Extension Office. Topics should include branding and increased tech savvy.

Board Rotation/Nominating Committee

Rebecca, Andy and one new board member are needed for nominating at the meeting. Betty Lou will become an official emeritus member.

Other

The 2 year Adopt-a-Highway contract needs to be renewed. Jeff motioned to renew it, seconded by Mike.

Books about wetlands are available from the 'floating' library.

The audit committee will meet at 10am at Town Hall on Apr 10.

The Plant Fair requires a business license. A sign up list will be circulated. We might locate next to Sleep Creek WA table.

Jeff mentioned that a Watershed Base Plan (WBP) would be useful and necessary for many grants and funding situations.

The meeting was adjourned at 7pm.

The next meeting will be the Annual Meeting on Wednesday, April 24 at 6:00PM.