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ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

1 FEBRUARY, 2018

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 1 February, 2018, at the CSCD conference room.
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards (Board) Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Ty Cooper, Randy Brumfield & Jim Donnell (Recorder)
- C. Members Absent: None
- D. Others in Attendance: Employee Josh Hawley; Freeholder: Brenda Maulden +
Guest Presenter: Mr. Jim Parker (NuGenesis)
- E. Rick Normington introduced a prospective new member of the Ecology Commission, Ms. Brenda Maulden, who summarized her background relevant to her desire to join the Ecology Commission as a member.
Jim Donnell moved to recommend Brenda Maulden to the CSCD Board as the 7th member of the Ecology Commission, filling out our authorized positions. Sunny Leerkamp seconded the motion. The motion passed by unanimous vote.
- F. ***Ty Cooper moved to approve the Minutes of the 7 December, 2017 meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; motion seconded by Randy Brumfield; This motion was unanimously approved.***
- G. **SPECIAL GUEST PRESENTATION**: (6:15-6:45 P.M.) Mr. Jim Parker, Owner and CEO of NuGenesis Recycling Services of Mooresville, Indiana, presented a 30 minute (including Q & A) summary of what NuGenesis does and can do for the CSCD in support of freeholder requests for an on-site disposal event for household hazardous waste (e.g. paint, stains, thinners, waste fuels & oils, pesticides, herbicides etc.) Of interest NuGenesis can and does conduct a Pharmaceutical and Medicines collection and disposal event in conjunction with their normal hazardous household waste collection/disposal event so it can be part of a CSCD-sponsored event too. Myriad questions by the Commission were answered satisfactorily by Mr. Parker. Without firm numbers of actual participants (more participants = more cost to NuGenesis and therefore, a higher cost to CSCD), a firm quote for such an event is not yet possible. Given rough parameters of potential participants, based on our 152-car-participation in last year's "Electronics Recycling Event," Mr. Parker estimated a potential cost to CSCD of between \$ 7,000- 9,000, to conduct such an event.
It was concluded by the Commission that the desire and interest for a "Tox-away Day" is evident among CSCD freeholders and that NuGenesis is the best resource to date for conducting such an event at CSCD. As a Commission, we will explore funding support for such an event, to include a financial support request to the Brown County Solid Waste Management Board, through our representative to that Board, Mr. Jim Ray. Jim Donnell will head up that coordination with Jim Ray. More to follow at future Commission meetings.
- H. **OLD BUSINESS** :
1. (6:50 P.M.) **SUMMARY REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT'S REPORT**
(*Provided earlier by email*) (**Josh Hawley**): Josh's update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: the Nature Trail # 5 Extension to Cordry Dam (90% complete); work on the broken Grizzly Drive/Groundhog Drive coffer dam will be done by Jason Weddle Excavating Co; work will be done by Jerry Cleefman on the erosion control project at the north end of Sweetwater Lake; and cost estimates will soon be received from Christopher Burke Engineering on needed repairs to the Sweetwater Dam and spillway. Additionally, annual muskrat trapping has removed 102 muskrats from our lakes, and the Garden Club is expanding to 35 garden beds for the upcoming growing season, all of which have been reserved.

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2. (7:00 P.M.) **FISH SURVEY:** Rick Normington handed out summary extracts of the now-completed Fish Survey of both Cordry and Sweetwater Lakes. The full version of the reports is posted on the CSCD website and on the CSCD Facebook page. Commission members will review the reports this month to discuss, at next month's Commission meeting, measures to be taken in the future.
3. (7:10 P.M.) **RECLAMATION PLAN FOR THE DREDGING-SPOILS AREA (Rick Normington):** The Commission "tabled" its work to develop a comprehensive proposal for development of the newly-available acreage across from the beach where dredging spoils have been dumped and leveled over the last 5 years, until its next meeting in March, 2018.

No decision for use will be made until the CSCD Board considers and approves a proposed plan developed by the Ecology Commission. It may take several months to arrive at that proposed plan.
4. (7:15 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE (Rick Normington) :** The Commission conducted final planning for the upcoming "Town Hall Meeting" on Saturday, 10 February, from 1:00–3:00P.M., in the CSLOA clubhouse to address the Deer Conservation efforts we might employ in the ensuing years here in the CSCD.

I. **NEW BUSINESS :**

1. 1. (7:20 P.M.) Commission members discussed, at length, frustrations with the apparent lack of enforcement of rules put in place by the CSCD. Dogs running loose, leaves being blown into the lakes, unsightly trash piles accumulating on freeholder properties, and other very apparent violations of the CSCD imposed rules not being enforced by the Brown County Prosecutor's Office and other enforcement agencies, makes life at the lakes often frustrating for those freeholders who desire a safe, environmentally appealing, and well-maintained community. It was recommended to have a joint meeting with the CSCD Security Commission, Ecology Commission, CSCD Manager Stacy Wethington, Chief Deputy Bernie McGaha, CSCD Superintendent Josh Hawley, and CSCD Attorney Roger Young. Mr. Hawley will reach out and help schedule the meeting.
2. (7:45 P.M.) Randy Brumfield reported that an ASPLUMDH contractor has agreed to come into the CSCD to work, with our approved funds, to eradicate some of the invasive plant species (especially bush honeysuckle) growing extensively throughout the CSCD.
3. (7:50 P.M.) Josh Hawley reported that the CSLOA is hosting a Garden Club meeting on March 24th, at 4:00 P.M., at the clubhouse, for any freeholder who desires to improve their gardening skills.
4. (7:55 P.M.) Rick Normington reminded members that fish structures have been purchased for this year and are on hand, awaiting warmer weather to assemble and emplace in the lakes. He will notify Commission members of the date, time, and location of the assembly "party" so that volunteers can come together to do the work.
5. (8:00 P.M.) Rick Normington reported that CSCD Board has asked the ECOLOGY Commission to study a request from the Brown County Parks and Recreation Department to conduct a "Cardboard Regatta" at the Sweetwater Beach some time in September and make a recommendation back to the Board if the event is appropriate for our hosting. After reviewing the handout and rules, and a brief discussion, a ***motion was made by Ty Cooper to recommend APPROVAL of this "Cardboard Regatta" at Sweetwater Beach at a still-to-be-determined date in September, organized and conducted by the Brown County Parks and Recreation Department, at no cost or liability to the CSCD. Josh Edwards seconded the motion and the motion passed unanimously in a vote.***

- I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Jim Donnells moved to adjourn the February meeting of the Ecology Commission. Randy Brumfield seconded. The motion passed;* The meeting adjourned at 8:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:
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