

CLFLWD CAC Meeting

August 2, 2016

Meeting Summary

5:00 – 6:30 PM

- Update on WSD activities
 - The District plans to treat 36 acres of flowering rush on Forest Lake on Thursday, August 4th.
 - No news about Hilo Lane or Third Lake Pond projects.
 - Diagnostic fieldwork has begun on Moody Lake Wetland Rehabilitation project.
 - District staff are applying for a grant to implement a water reuse system on Forest Hills Golf Course near Shields Lake. This would help lower nutrient levels in Shields Lake in addition to the groundwater usage levels of the golf course.
 - The CLFLWD Board of Managers is continuing discussions about a boundary transfer related to the watershed surrounding judicial ditch 6. This area is currently under the jurisdiction of Rice Creek Watershed District but flows into Forest Lake and is a major contributor of phosphorus to Forest Lake.

- Update on Master education program
 - Mike K., Mike S., and Jerry G. met with Mike Miron, an agriculture teacher from Forest Lake High School, about potential opportunities for collaboration with the CLFLWD. Several project and program ideas were discussed. See the attached meeting notes for more information about this meeting, including a list of the proposed projects.
 - Regardless of which projects or programs are pursued, the school will likely need bus grants to fund fieldtrip transportation.
 - Jack M. brought up the idea that students could be used in a biocontrol effort for purple loosestrife on District lakes.
 - Jerry G. noted that FLHS has a physical education canoe program that sends students out on Forest Lake in the fall and spring. Perhaps this could be used as an educational opportunity to teach students about water quality testing or other lake-related topics.

- Jack M. told the group about a fellow Master Watershed Stewards candidate who is looking for a capstone project idea. She may be interested in helping to facilitate some of the new projects and programs with the school.
- 2017 Budget discussion
 - The current draft of the 2017 CLFLWD budget has an expense total of almost \$3 million. This is almost \$1 million more than the 2016 CLFLWD expense budget. To help fund this budget increase, the Board of Managers is considering raising the tax levy and/or bonding for capital improvement projects.
 - District staff and Managers should be prepared to face criticism about raising the levy, as Forest Lake residents can see their exact donation to the CLFLWD on their yearly tax statement.
 - The education and outreach line item of the 2017 budget totals \$88,000, which doubles the 2016 value of \$42,000.
- Next Action steps for CAC
 - Jerry G. expressed interest in recruiting new CAC members from a diverse set of backgrounds (e.g. agricultural, sportsman's clubs, etc.). This could potentially include representation from local Master Watershed Stewards candidates.
 - Now that new K-12 education programs are being started, what might be the next action steps that the CAC can take?
 - Continue to educate local landowners, especially shoreline owners.
 - Engage other city councils on issues related to MS4, tree ordinance, Wetland Conservation Act, etc.
 - Continue to improve communication between District and local lake associations
 - Jack M. continues his Master Watershed Stewards capstone project work related to educating new lake home owners about shoreline stewardship. He plans to assemble a variety of handouts into a small cooler and go door to door speaking with the property owners.
 - Mike S. and Mike K. will meet with Jerry G. about recruiting new CAC members.