



Des Plaines River Watershed Workgroup
Joint Monitoring/WQ Improvements and Lakes Committees

9/28/2017

9:30AM – 11:00AM

Lake County Department of Transportation Conference Room

600 W. Winchester Road, Libertyville IL 60048

Meeting Minutes

1. Call the meeting to order: Joe Robinson called the meeting to order.
2. Roll Call (see end of these notes for individuals present)
3. Approve Previous Meeting minutes: Leslie Berns made a motion to approve the minutes from 6/15/17, Steve Vella seconded the motion. The motion passed unanimously.
4. Public Comment: Mike Prusila, LCSMC, shared that the Watershed Plan contractor, Northwater, is identifying critical stream reaches and would like feedback on how to identify critical reaches.
5. MBI Draft Report: There was discussion that some members needed more time to review the report. It was agreed all comments should be send to Beth Adler by Oct. 9 so she can organize them into Minor Edits and Need Discussion categories. Then we can decide if we would like to have a WebEx with Chris Yoder for the Need Discussion items. Joe stated there would be no additional data collection to finalize this report. Jim Bland led the committee through a review of some of his comments. Mike Prusila also had submitted some comments. Beth said she would email everyone that if they wanted to submit comments they would have until Oct. 9. There was some discussion about how to address the results of the report – roll out a Chlorides Policy at the November General Membership meeting was suggested. The DRSCW has a Chlorides Policy. It would help our MS4 members defend themselves legally. The Committee agreed that at the next General Membership meeting the MBI report should be summarized in a document similar to the Accomplishments Report in 2016.
6. Flow Monitoring Draft Report: The one main comment was that the graphs were not part of the report. They were submitted under separate cover with the actual data. Beth and Mike Adam will work together to get the graphs to all the Committee Members. Beth will also work with the LCSMC GIS folks to get the graphs added to the Interactive Lake County Map. There was discussion about what to do with the baraloggers, to leave them in place and continue to collect data and manual measurements with interns or in-house staff? There was no clear resolution.
7. Zebra Mussel influence in Mill Creek – Jim Bland led the discussion and showed a photo of mussels on a plate that was anchored in Mill Creek. Jim suggested that the DRWW install anchored plates at select locations downgradient of where there is a suspected zebra mussel problem. The plates will give us an indication of how bad the infestation is.
8. Monitoring Program Update – Joe Robinson said he wants the committee to re-look at the entire monitoring program and decide how we want to proceed. Everything is on the table. As

we are out of time, we will discuss it further at the next Monitoring/WQ Improvements Committee Meeting and the Lakes Committee will also discuss this at their next meeting.

9. Old Business – None

10. Other Business – None

11. Next Monitoring Committee Meeting will be Oct. 19, 2017 at LCSMC Large Conference Room.

12. Adjourn: Steve Vella made a motion to adjourn, seconded by Mike Adam. The motion passed unanimously.

Committee Members Present:

Joe Robinson, DRWW Monitoring/WQ Improvements Committee Chair, NSWRD

Steve Vella, Village of Libertyville

Jim Bland, Sierra Club

Mike Adam, LCHD

Mike Zemaitis for Al Giertych, LCDOT

Leslie Berns, LCFPD

Others Attendees:

Beth Adler, DRWW Technical Coordinator

Mike Warner, LCSMC

Donald Hey, WRI

Kathleen Paap, WRI

Brian Dorn, NSWRD

Rob Flood, NSWRD

Tom Morthorst, Third Lake