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**MINUTES**

**ECOLOGY COMMISSION MONTHLY MEETING**

Cordry Sweetwater Conservancy District

**5 September, 2019**

- A. The monthly meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission was called to order by Commission Chairman, Rick Normington, at 6:00 P.M. on 5 September, 2019, at the CSCD conference room. .
- B. Members Present: Rick Normington, Josh Edwards ( Board ), Sunny Leerkamp (CSLOA), Brenda Maulden, & Jim Donnell (Recorder )
- C. Members Absent: Randy Brumfield & Ty Cooper
- D. Others in Attendance: 3 Guests
- E. *Josh Edwards moved to approve the Minutes of the 1 August, 2019 , meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission; Brenda Maulden seconded. This motion was unanimously approved.*
- F. FREEHOLDER CONCERNS: ( 6:05 P.M. )
- Steve Herald ( Construction ) appeared on behalf of freeholders Robert & Luann Cole ( 7212 Sunset Drive ) with a Dredging Application that has already been approved by the Building Commission to remove 30 cubic yards of spoils from beneath their dock, along the shoreline of Sweetwater Lake. After discussion of the specifics of this project, *Jim Donnell moved to approve the Dredging Application as submitted; Josh Edwards seconded. This motion passed unanimously.*
  - Chris Waterfall appeared on behalf of the Garden Club to report of the successful Garden Plot growing season, and to announce the planned “Garden Plot Workday” on 14 Sep at 10:00 A.M. for all Garden Club members to come together to work on end-of-season garden plot maintenance and repairs.
  - Freeholder David Valietz ( 8277 Sweetwater Drive ) appeared before the Commission to learn of the process to have his cove dredged. He learned of the process to fill out a “Dredging Application,” available from the CSCD office and to have it considered by both the Building Commission and Ecology Commission for approval before engaging a private, CSCD-approved dredging company on the lakes.
- G. OLD BUSINESS :
1. ( 6:20 P.M. ) **REVIEW OF CSCD WATER/GROUNDS SUPERINTENDENT’S REPORT ( Rick, in Josh H. ’s absence)**: Josh’s update covered progress reports on projects of interest to ECOLOGY including: finalized plans for coffer dam repairs on Antelope Drive ( bid accepted...work begins soon); updates on a project to remedy problems with the coffer dam on Grizzly Drive; and an update to the major project to repair the drainage pipe leak and erosion on Sweetwater Dam. Also it was reported that although we do not have the dreaded, toxic blue-green algae bloom plaguing many central Indiana lakes this summer, we have had the appearance of a “Euglena algae,” which is non-toxic.
2. ( 6:30 P.M. ) **UPDATE ON “HYDRAULIC DREDGING” EXPERIMENT ( Rick )**: Based on observations of the experimental “Hydraulic Dredging” process by Jeremy Rollins, the ( 2-Step) process proposed by him has been denied for use on our lakes. In a related action, a new “Dredging Application” has been submitted by a freeholder residing at 6461 Quail Drive, using a new, ( 1-Step ) process by J. Rollins, using a hydraulic vacuum system to suck up lake spoils but barging and removing them ( we think ) from the lake. Mr. Rollins has requested that the ECOLOGY Commission observe this new process and consider it for approved dredging use on CSCD lakes. Rick Normington agreed to lead a team of ECOLOGY Commission members, plus Mr. Jim Ray, a respected biologist and CSCD freeholder ( if available and willing to assist ), to observe this new J. Rollins Hydraulic Dredging process for possible approval for use on our lakes.

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3. (6:45 P.M.) **POLLINATOR HABITAT ( Brenda M. ):** Nothing new to report.

4. (6:40 P.M.) **DEER HERD CONSERVATION INITIATIVE ( Rick ):** The Deer Reduction Committee ( DRC ) has met to finalize the details for this year’s Community Hunt Access Program ( CHAP ) hunt. The plans for this year’s hunt are as follows:

APPROVED HUNT DATES FOR CSCD 2019-2020 HUNT			
MONTH	DATES	DAYS OF WEEK	TIMES
OCT	14-18	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	21-25	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	28- 1st	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
NOV	2 & 3	Sat. & Sun.	30 min before sunrise – 30 min after sunset
	4-8	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	11-15	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	16 & 17	Sat. & Sun.	30 min before sunrise – 30 min after sunset
	18-22	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	25-27	M-W	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
JAN	20-24	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
	27-31	M-F	8 A.M.- 2 P.M.
<b>ALSO: Hunter Safety Brief &amp; QUALIFICATION Dates:</b>			
SEP	1st	SUNDAY	4 P.M. - ?
	14th	SATURDAY	10 A.M. - ?

5. (7:00 P.M.) **BUDGET STATUS UPDATE:** There was no information that indicated that any of the ECOLOGY Commission’s Priority Budget proposals have been eliminated for FY 2020. The CSCD will conduct the first public reading of the proposed CSCD Budget at the next CSCD Board meeting on 17 September.

6. (7:05 P.M.) **STRATEGIC PLANNING STUDY TOPIC # 1 – “INCREASED BOAT-MOORING RESOURCES NEEDED AT SWEETWATER BEACH ( Rick ):**

After a healthy discussion regarding the need for, and options for, increased boat parking resources for Sweetwater Beach, it was determined that the best course of action is to consider funding a new wharf to be constructed on the north side of the point located on the north side of Sweetwater Beach to accommodate 10-12 boats, temporarily moored there while freeholders use Sweetwater Beach recreational resources. Steve Herald, in attendance, graciously agreed to propose a rough estimate of what this project might cost for Commission consideration in the FY 2021 ( or beyond ) budget.

H. **NEW BUSINESS :**

1. **COMMISSION MEMBER CONCERNS:** None

2. **FREEHOLDER CONCERNS:** None

3 The next meeting of the CSCD Ecology Commission is scheduled for Thursday, 3 October, 2019, at 6:00 P.M. in the CSCD conference room. A draft Agenda for that meeting was developed.

I. **ADJOURNMENT:** *Sunny Leerkamp moved to adjourn the September meeting of the Ecology Commission. Josh Edwards seconded. The motion passed.* The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 P.M.

Respectfully Submitted:  
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