



**MINUTES
STORMWATER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
THURSDAY, MARCH 10, 2016
3:30PM
COMMUNITY ROOM**

Committee Members Present:

Violet Freudenberg, Ed Whiting, Ken Hawkins, Valerie McFall, Debbie Fraser, Marie Meszaros

Committee Members Absent:

Joe Wolfe

Staff Present:

Lori Saal, Joseph Konvicka

Other:

none

Call to Order: Ed called the meeting to order at 3:25pm.

Approval of the Minutes

Ed made a motion to approve the February minutes, Debbie seconded and all were in favor except Joe since he wasn't there.

OLD BUSINESS

- a. Charter Language amendment – It is on the agenda for today for the approval of a youth member and other modifications. When they approved the youth members all the other committees were approved except the Stormwater committee.
- b. Greenway signs - At the last meeting Ken mentioned putting up signs. The Town is unable to install small greenway signs due to maintenance and vandalism issues. An information center at the trailhead would be an option. The grass would still need to be trimmed around it. The information center would be a bigger center and we could do something similar to that at the greenway trailhead. This is a possibility during the next year that we could discuss and request funding for 2018.

NEW BUSINESS

- a. Discussion regarding draft NPDES permit – It is now on public notice. That means that there is an official draft version released. Lori wanted to know if there were any comments or comments that she could send to TDEC. She explained the big differences.

Currently we have to include threatened and endangered species and provide information, they now no longer have to do this. Streams now have to do a visual and walk the streams and look for erosion, fish dams, etc. That is not going to change. The analytical will change. They still have to monitor items such as ecoli. In the old permit it is every 5 years. In the new permit there are now options, the same or develop your own plan. This is probably the best option. For example you can focus your efforts in one section. This would probably obtain more beneficial information. Valerie said they wanted to make it more area specific. Knox County wanted to take their public involvement to more needed areas. What best fits your municipality. All of our streams are impaired for sediment. One section is listed for ecoli.

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A lot of times the ecoli is reversed through education. In the current permit it doesn't mention buffers, the new one does. Buffers have been added as a credit in the amount that you have to treat. It also requires under certain circumstances, which would be all of our streams since they are all impaired. This is an aquatic buffer, about 60' for an impaired stream. Permanent stormwater – this is the main part of most discussions. Under the current permit you had to capture and treat the first inch of rainfall. It is now just treat. The state can't regulate a volume of water you just have to treat. The goal is 100% but they have to go to 80%. They will have to use permeable pavers, green infrastructure. etc. to get to the 80%. There are still incentives, such as the buffers. There is also an option for offsite in lieu of.

Any Other Business

Adjourned 4:28pm, next meeting April 14, 2016 at 3:30pm in the Town Hall Board Room.