

# SWEET

## Meeting Minutes

### Monday, June 24, 2024

After technical difficulties were worked out, meeting began at 10:29am.

In attendance: Erica Eason (MC Soil and Water), Kriste Lindberg (CBU), Michael Dorsett (IU) Adam Rickert (MCHD-SP) Trohn Enright-Randolph (MC Surveyors Office), Elisa Pokral (MC Waste Reduction District), Brandon Olson (City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation).

#### BIG COLLABORATION ITEMS

- SWEET Landing Page screen with edits to date was shared and discussion ensued. Idea of using Insta App with corporate boundaries map was introduced by Trohn.
- Discussion on distributing survey to SWEET members with goal of improving SWEET meetings and bringing value to programs and services offered by SWEET members.
- Discussion of developing SWEET mission statement or vision statement.

#### UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- [Indiana Water Summit](#) will happen in Indianapolis August 21-22
- Friends of Lake Monroe is offering a [Septic Maintenance Voucher](#)
- 2024 Monroe County Fair, June 29th-July 6<sup>th</sup>
- [Bug Fest](#) is set for August 24, 2024
- Stream clean-up for [Lower Cascades](#) is scheduled for August.
- [Weed Wrangles](#) are happening monthly at various locations around Bloomington.
- CBU [Elm Heights Stormwater Proposal](#).

#### ANNOUNCEMENTS

##### CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

- [Bug Fest](#) is set for August 24, 2024.
- Parks and Recreation recently hosted a Hoosier Riverwatch basic training. Additional trainings will be offered later in the summer as well.
- Parks and Recreation is partnering with the City of Bloomington's Department of Economic and Sustainable Development to offer free climate action programs the second Wednesday of the month from 12 to 12:45pm at Switchyard Park. The next program is scheduled for July 10, 2024.
- Brandon is working on an [iNaturalist](#) project for Lake Griffy where he is maintaining a record and report of insects inventoried.
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##### CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES

- [Title 13](#) begins July 1, 2024 and is the enhanced stormwater regulations for CBU.
- Beanblossom Watershed 319 Planning efforts are underway.
- [Elm Heights Stormwater Proposal](#) and planning efforts are underway.
- CBU is working on signage for their rain gardens as a weed whacker was recently used on one of their rain gardens.

- Kriste is working with Nolan in the sustainability area to create a clean community program. While the program being developed is not entirely stormwater, there might be opportunities for SWEET to collaborate.
- Kriste had an inquiry from the Indiana Karst Conservancy regarding an inflatable cave that was used in the early aughts.
- CBU is working within the Encampment Cleanup fund and Kriste recently attended training on it.
- During the Indiana MS4 Annual Meeting, Kriste accepted an award for Partnership Special Event.
- CBU is working with MCCSC on the Makers Challenge.

## **MONROE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION**

- Jacob Trusty recently started as the naturalist for Monroe County.

## **MONROE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT**

- MC Soil and Water will not be at the MC Fair this year.
- MC Soil and Water has received 1 applicant for the Lower Salt Creek 319 Grant funding.
- 4 applications for the stormwater grant have been approved through the Stormwater Partnership grant to date this year. 1 has been completed and 3 are in progress.
- Beanblossom watershed planning is still in progress.
- Free soil testing with the Lake Monroe Water Fund has been extended through the end of the year.

## **MONROE COUNTY WASTE REDUCTION DISTRICT**

- Elisa reported that Waste Reduction District (WRD) will be tabling at the MC Fair with the MC Highway Department Stormwater Program. At the Waste Reduction District table, fair attendees will have the opportunity to win a rain barrel.
- Elisa is looking into the WRD selling rain barrels and compost bins for next Earth Day. If WRD sells these items, they will likely be on their website by January 2025.

## **MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY STORMWATER PROGRAM**

- As of June 5, 2024, MC Stormwater Management Ordinance requires [a local stormwater permit](#) for land disturbing activities and a logging permit for commercial timber harvest activities.
- HOA Workshop is scheduled for August 15, 2024 at the Ellettsville Library, 5:30-6:45pm.

## **MONROE COUNTY SURVEYOR**

- MC Commissioners recently passed and adopted the MC stormwater ordinance. Changes from the ordinance include increasing the conservancy area from 25 ft to 50ft.
- LTAP Stormwater Conference is scheduled for July.
- At the last Planning Commission meeting, we discussed the House Enrolled Act 1108, Slope Restrictions.
- New critical drainage areas (critical watersheds) are available through Elevate.

## **INDIANA UNIVERSITY**

- No report.

## **TOWN OF ELLETTSVILLE**

- No report.

## FRIENDS OF LAKE MONROE

From the 6 24 2024 Agenda:

- Currently running a [Septic Maintenance Voucher](#) program in Monroe County - have 65 applicants so far and should be able to fund ~ 80 projects
- Held a Septic Maintenance 101 Workshop on June 20th that had 14 participants
- Save the date for Lake Monroe Day on September 15, details TBA
- Jill Vance with Indiana DNR (Monroe Lake) is also organizing a variety of events this summer and fall celebrating the lake's 60th anniversary on October 24th
- [Indiana Water Summit](#) will happen in Indianapolis August 21-22 – Maggie is attending and is happy to report back

## PUBLIC INPUT

- No public input.

## NEW BUSINESS

- No new business, meeting adjourned at about 11:33am.

## NEXT MEETING

July 22, 2024 at 10:00am.