

SWEET Meeting Minutes Monday August 26, 2024

After a brief check-in meeting began at 10:02am

In attendance: Kriste Lindberg (CBU), Adam Rickert (MCHD-SP) Trohn Enright-Randolph (MC Surveyors Office), Rachael Sargent (City of Bloomington Planning), Jacob Trusty (MC Parks and Recreation) and Michael Dorsett (IU MS4)

BIG COLLABORATION ITEMS

- No big collaboration items discussed

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- 60th Anniversary of Lake Monroe events, full list of events here: <https://events.in.gov/event/60th-anniversary-events-monroe-lake>
- Friends of Lake Monroe is offering a [Septic Maintenance Voucher](#) program in Monroe County.
- [Weed Wrangles](#) are happening monthly at various locations around Bloomington.
- INAFSM Conference, <https://www.inafsm.net/2024-conference>
- Severe Weather Symposium, <https://www.bsu.edu/calendar/events/academics/csh/2024/10/19/weather-symposium>
- Stormwater Awareness Week, September 23-27. Several dozen, no cost online workshops throughout the week, <https://www.stormwaterawareness.org>

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

- No report.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES

- Residential stormwater grants deadline is coming up next week.
- Working to get the word out on resilience efforts.
- Kriste indicated efforts to coordinate with local schools is picking up. In conjunction with the Maker Challenge and the FLOW model, local students learn about stormwater and contribute to stormwater education efforts beyond the classroom.
- CBU and other City of Bloomington Departments participated in an encampment clean up last week.
- CBU is updating their Stormwater Education Series.
- CBU staff will not be attending INAFSM this year.
- Kriste is attending Severe Weather Symposium, hosted by American Meteorological Society and the National Weather Service on October 19th at Ball State University.

MONROE COUNTY PARKS AND RECREATION

- Monroe County Parks and Recreation hosted Bug Fest at Karst Farm Park on Saturday August 24th. Jacob reported over 1400 were in attendance with 20 tables set up/staffed. Representation from Hoosier National Forest, City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, Stormwater, Purdue Extension, IDEM, MC Soil and Water and others. Bug Fest takes a few months to set up and organize; planning for next year has already begun.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PLANNING

- Environmental Commission staffed a table at Bug Fest.
- Covering 2025 Environmental Commission priorities within the next couple of months.

MONROE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- No report

MONROE COUNTY WASTE REDUCTION DISTRICT

- No report.

MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY STORMWATER PROGRAM

- 8-15-2024 HOA Workshop discussion. For future workshops, Adam would like to reach out to neighborhoods without organized HOAs and possibly provide contractor resources for HOAs.

MONROE COUNTY SURVEYOR

- Trohn indicated the HOA Workshop on 8 15 2024 was a great step forward and he hopes it will become an annual event. Possibly add resources for HOA component for Future HOA workshops.
- Moving to our hearings for Planning, they have a lot of landscaping compliance cases.
- Erica Penna with the MC Stormwater Program is presenting during the upcoming INAFSM conference.
- Trohn is attending budget hearings over the next few months.
- The extension (and non-extension) of sanitary sewer lines was discussed within Monroe County. In the absence of extending sanitary sewer lines for new development, the implications of property owners expanding the use of commercial septic systems was discussed. Trohn acknowledged it is a difficult subject to discuss as there are several elements impacting the extension or non-extension of sanitary sewers.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

- IU is continuing with their Household Hazardous Waste collection information and “do not litter” messages at all campuses.

TOWN OF ELLETTSVILLE

- No report.

FRIENDS OF LAKE MONROE

- Wrapping up our [Septic Maintenance Voucher](#) program in Monroe County - have issued 72 reimbursements and are waiting on another 20-ish receipts.
- Septic Summit 2.0 will be held on Saturday September 14 at the Brown County Fairgrounds from 10:00 to 1:00 with lots of great information about septic system maintenance
- Maggie just ordered a septic system tabletop model (similar to the groundwater models that Bloomington Parks has) and hope to receive it in early September.
- Lake Monroe Day Celebration featuring Busman's Holiday on Sunday, September 15 at The Fields Clubhouse from 5:00 to 8:00. Tickets are \$25 and are now available at <https://buskirkchumley.org/event/3rd-annual-lake-monroe-day-celebration/>
- FLM is organizing a number of other events in partnership with Jill Vance with Indiana DNR (Monroe Lake) to celebrate the lake's 60th anniversary on October 24th - full list of events here: <https://events.in.gov/event/60th-anniversary-events-monroe-lake>
- Maggie made it to the first day of the [Indiana Water Summit](#) and the conversation revolved largely around how to develop a water resource plan for the state.

PUBLIC INPUT

- No public input.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business, meeting adjourned at about 11:40am.

NEXT MEETING

September 23, 2024 at 10:00am.