

SWEET Meeting Minutes Monday September 23, 2024

After a brief check-in meeting began at 10:03am

In attendance: Kriste Lindberg (CBU), Adam Rickert (MCHD-SP) Trohn Enright-Randolph (MC Surveyors Office), Heidi Shoemaker (City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation), Maggie Sullivan (Friends of Lake Monroe), Erica Eason (MC Soil and Water Conservation District).

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.
- 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

- Heidi Shoemaker recently started in the position of Natural Resources Coordinator.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES

- Kriste expressed happy stormwater awareness week to the meeting attendees.
- CBU has been working with MCCSC on the Maker Challenge. In conjunction with the Maker Challenge and the FLOW model, local students learn about stormwater and contribute to stormwater education efforts (4th graders work on BMP designs) beyond the classroom.
- Residential stormwater grants is winding down.
- Peden Family Farm Festival is coming up.
- Christopher Burke Engineering has stormwater webinars available through their website.
- 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

- No report.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PLANNING

- No report.

MONROE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- Erica will be attending the Peden Children Farm Festival.
- Erica has been working quite a bit with MC IRIS, (Monroe County Identify and Reduce Invasive Species) to have invasive species surveys around the community going.
- Stormwater Grants, 6 currently active with a lot of site visits. Trohn asked about a deadline associated with MC Soil and Water's grant program and Erica confirmed there is no deadline, applicants can submit their application throughout the year.

MONROE COUNTY WASTE REDUCTION DISTRICT

- No report.

MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY STORMWATER PROGRAM

- Stormwater Program hosted a Hoosier Riverwatch Demonstration and Stream Clean-up of Jacks Defeat Creek with the Town of Ellettsville MS4 (Dillon Plummer) on 9 21 2024.

MONROE COUNTY SURVEYOR

- MC is hosting a County Development Ordinance (CDO) hearing on 9 24 2024 in the Nate U Hill Room at the Courthouse. The CDO pertains to environmental protections and land use.
- In a related effort, the recently implemented Stormwater Ordinance (June 2024) shifted some aspects (such as a grading permit) from the Planning Ordinance and the CDO is attempting to have multiple ordinances compliment each other.

FRIENDS OF LAKE MONROE

- Septic Summit 2.0 was held on Saturday September 14 at the Brown County Fairgrounds with lots of great information about septic system maintenance.
- Very successful **Lake Monroe Day Celebration** was held on Sunday, September 15th.
- Maggie is working on organizing two field days this Fall in Jackson and Brown counties.
- FLM still has some money left in their cost share program and Maggie is looking for some farmers that want to do soil and water conservation in the watershed.
- 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>

TOWN OF ELLETTSVILLE

- No report.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

- No report.

PUBLIC INPUT

- No public input.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business, meeting adjourned at about 10:40am.

NEXT MEETING

October 28, 2024 at 10:00am.