

McDonald Creek Commission

Meeting Minutes for November 27, 2018

Present: Commissioners Harold Kargenian, Jan Fuller, Rick Hartke, Cathy Brady, Jon Kindseth

Absent:

I. OPENING ITEMS

Minutes of 9/25 meeting approved.

II. OLD BUSINESS

A. Re-paving in Alton-Edward neighborhood - No drainage work was done. Run-off is taking the asphalt grindings used for the road shoulders into storm drains. One homeowner filled in his swale.

III. NEW BUSINESS

A. 2019 meeting schedule - All agreed to bi-monthly meetings. Regular meetings will be scheduled on 4th Tuesday of January, March, May, July, Sept. and Nov. 2019.

B. 2019 goals:

More interaction with city, park district and public works. Jon K. will meet with Mark Roscoe quarterly to keep informed of public works projects and priorities that might impact the creek. MCC should encourage including drainage improvements as part of city paving projects.

Recruit neighbors near critical areas to report problems to public works and/or take the initiative to clear small blockages near their homes.

Push more creek clean-up days in specific areas, starting in April. Mail letters to nearby homeowners and arrange for public works to pick up landscape materials. Check FEMA maps for property ownership.

Identify grant funds for creek-specific projects. Lower Des Plaines River Watershed Plan is being updated; draft includes MWRD project to dredge creek south of Euclid at Wolf.

Provide 2019 budget to Joe Wade by March. Fiscal year ends April 30, 2019.

C. Beavers in Somerset Park - Cathy wrote informational letter which commissioners approved for distribution to the dozen nearby homeowners. Jon explained that nuisance beavers can be trapped from November to March, but Public Works has said they don't plan to do anything except monitor the beavers. Jan reported that beavers were present in the Alton-Edward neighborhood about 15 years ago, and again about 5 years ago.

IV. ADJOURNED 7:00 pm.

Next meeting 6:00 pm Tuesday, Jan. 22, 2019.

