

SWEET Meeting Minutes
Monday March 13 2023 at 10:30am
This meeting was held virtually and in person.

Present: Trohn Enright-Randolph (MC Surveyors Office), Kriste Lindberg (CBU), Liz Carter (CBU), Rebecca Swift (City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation), Adam Rickert (MC MS4)

1. Call to Order

2. Big Collaboration Items (those needing group discussion)

Save the Date reminder-NAI-Great Lakes Regional Interpreters Workshop 2023 (March 21 -23) @ Abe Martin Lodge Brown County State Park, Regional Interpretive Workshops – National Association for Interpretation: Great Lakes Region 4.

Several members of SWEET recently attended the Indiana Lakes Management Society (ILMS) Conference (March 9-10) at Four Winds Lakeside Inn, Lake Monroe. SWEET members discussed how learning from others as they manage their lakes is valuable information. A discussion of the Legislative Updates session during the conference occurred. Through the ILMS website (indianalakes.org) and when the Indiana General Assembly is in session, ILMS provides information on current legislation that may be of interest to those who live, recreate, manage, or interested in lakes to their membership.

3. Agency and Department Updates

1. Friends of Lake Monroe:

1. Friends of Lake Monroe is launching a cost-share program next week. The program will provide funding for landowners and land managers in the Lake Monroe watershed to install conservation practices such as cover crops, riparian plantings, fencing to keep livestock out of the streams, manure composting structures. Information will be posted at www.friendsoflakemonroe.org/cost-share

2. Save the Date - Lake Monroe Day will be Sunday September 17th.

2. City of Bloomington Parks & Recreation (Rebecca Swift)

1. Adopt A Stream Orientation is occurring at the end of the month: Thursday, March 30, 2023 5:30 – 6:30pm (Virtual via Zoom), Registration Link: <https://cerv.is/0286x921>. Adopt A Stream is a partnership between City of Bloomington Parks and Recreation, City of Bloomington Utilities and Monroe County Parks and Recreation with 14 active volunteers during 2022.

2. Kriste, Autumn and Rebecca recently attended the Hoosier Riverwatch gathering in Indianapolis. During the event, Rebecca spoke with Dylan Allison about getting another instructor training opportunity in Bloomington.

3. City of Bloomington MS4 (Kriste Lindberg)
 1. Eight new volunteers joined the Adopt A Drain program recently within a one week.
 2. CBU has talked internally about possibly Adopting A Stream.
 3. CBU will be hosting a meeting on the 2023 Stormwater Grants at the Utility Service Center, March 22, 2023. A press release will occur soon.
 4. CBU is working on offering a Landscaper training.
 5. CBU is looking into possibly purchasing a table, sandwich board and a tent for future tabling events.
 6. Kriste has been collaborating with the City of Bloomington Art's person, Polly Warren for endeavors including Earth Day and a tour of the Lost River.
 7. Garden Fair is coming up on April 15, 2023 at Switchyard Park.
 8. Weed Wrangle is scheduled for later this afternoon from 4 to 6.
 9. MS4 Annual meeting is coming up in May.
4. Public Input- No public participation during meeting.
5. An open discussion on the low attendance at the SWEET meetings occurred. It was mentioned that during past SWEET meetings, 20 people were in the room. Several ideas were suggested to increase attendance including direct emails to longtime SWEET members, encouraging SWEET members to reach out to people with an interest in environmental education and training to attend as well as completing a survey to determine if a different meeting time and/or date would optimize attendance.

5. Adjournment

1. Date of Next Meeting: Monday April 10, 2023 at 10:30am, HYBRID
 1. Zoom links will be sent. In-person will be held in room 100B.