

SWEET
Meeting Minutes
Monday, April 22 2024

After a short check-in, meeting began at 10:02am.

In attendance: Kriste Lindberg (CBU), Adam Rickert (MCHD-SP) and Maggie Sullivan (Friends of Lake Monroe).

BIG COLLABORATION ITEMS

- SWEET Landing Page within the Community section of the website is in development. Adam has received content from a few SWEET members and is waiting on content from the rest.

UPCOMING CONFERENCES AND EVENTS

- Friends of Lake Monroe is hosting a forum at the library tonight regarding management of the Hoosier National Forest. Representatives from the US Forest Service, Indiana Forest Alliance and FLM's Board President will all be speaking briefly and then really hoping to open it up for questions and get some discussion going.
- Friends of Lake Monroe is planning a field day for May 14th in the morning. We will be talking with a farmer who's been working agricultural land at the airport. The crop land was in pretty bad shape when he took over a few years ago. He's been doing some conservation practices and it's looking better.
- MS4 Annual Meeting is scheduled for May 13-14th.
- No SWEET meeting on May 27, 2024 due to Memorial Day, however an email will be sent to SWEET members with details of a May 20, 2024 meeting (at 9:30am) for those that wish to discuss SWEET related matters.

ANNOUNCEMENTS

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION

- From 4 22 2024 Agenda: Partnering with ESD to host FREE Climate Action Programs on the second Wednesdays of the month from 12-12:45 at SYP Pavilion starting in January. June 5th, hosting a Native Plant Hike to discuss rain gardens and resilient plant species. Also going to discuss stormwater management grants available to City residents.

CITY OF BLOOMINGTON UTILITIES

- Residential stormwater grants meeting was last Thursday evening.
- CBU, Bloomington Parks and Recreation, IU and MC Stormwater Program did a clean up of campus creek and HR event a week ago, Friday.
- Last week we had a meeting with MCCSC to talk about the flow model that we've been discussing, which is kind of working out to be kind of like a precursor and a follow up to next year's Maker Challenge. The Maker Challenge involves MCCSC students creating models and then showcasing their work.
- Last Saturday, CBU hosted Eco Heroes at Switchyard Park with awards given out and the Mayor of Bloomington spoke.
- CBU, MC Highway Stormwater Program and MC Soil and Water tabled for the MC Master Gardener's Fair on 4 13 2024.
- Proposed SW pond within Elm Heights neighborhood and public meeting is being organized. Liz Carter with CBU has been involved with planning this endeavor.

MONROE COUNTY SOIL AND WATER CONSERVATION DISTRICT

- No report.

MONROE COUNTY WASTE REDUCTION DISTRICT

- From the 4 22 2024 Agenda: Free tree giveaway, April 22-26 at Admin bldg., South Walnut Recycling Center.
- Link to the [Indiana Nature Challenge 2024 iNaturalist](#) was provided with the 4 22 2024 SWEET Meeting agenda.

MONROE COUNTY HIGHWAY STORMWATER PROGRAM

- Post solar eclipse clean up of a tributary of Jack's Defeat Creek with Town of Ellettsville has been postponed due to inclement weather.
- A recording of a Karst Topography Webinar MCHD-SP hosted has been posted to our website, <https://www.co.monroe.in.us/egov/apps/document/center.egov?view=item&id=17793>

MONROE COUNTY SURVEYOR

- No report.

INDIANA UNIVERSITY

- No report.

TOWN OF ELLETTSVILLE

- No report.

FRIENDS OF LAKE MONROE

- Still working on details for doing a septic workshop in Monroe County, likely to happen in June.
- A larger septic workshop in Brown County in September is being planned.
- FLM is getting ready to apply for another big grant through the 319 program that is basically another phase of what we're currently doing. If people have ideas of things that we could roll into that grant that you would like to see in the Lake Monroe watershed, now is the time to talk about that. FLM is working to get some actual cash funding from the City of Bloomington, whether it is through the City's Sustainability Department and also City of Bloomington Utilities is the goal. Monroe County, through their Stormwater Board has been a huge supporter over the years. We'll be trying to get in kind support from our other partners and with help with events and spreading the word.

PUBLIC INPUT

- No public input.

Meeting adjourned at about 11:33am.

NEW BUSINESS

- No new business.

NEXT MEETING

June 24, 2024.