

APPROVED NOVEMBER 14, 2022

Euclid Creek Watershed Council

Regular Meeting
Tuesday, September 13, 2022
8:00 am – 9:00 am

SOUTH EUCLID
COMMUNITY CENTER
1370 Victory Drive
South Euclid, OH 44121

MISSION

*To address common environmental, stormwater,
and development concerns in the Euclid Creek watershed*

MEMBERS

PRESENT

Cuyahoga SWCD

Kate Chapel, Cuyahoga SWCD

Board & Members

Chris Vild, City of Beachwood

Ramona Lowery, Commissioner, City of Cleveland
Division of Water Pollution Control

Kirsten Holzheimer Gail, Mayor, City of Euclid

Patrick Ward, Mayor, City of Lyndhurst

Georgine Welo, Mayor, City of South Euclid

Andy Blackley, City of South Euclid

Anthony DiRenzo, City of South Euclid

Brian Belfiore, City of Highland Heights

Cisco Rivera, NEORS

Jeff Filarski, City of Lyndhurst

Karen Arnold, City of Mayfield Heights

Rhonda Gibson, City of Richmond Heights

Keith Benjamin, City of South Euclid

Guests

Kim Brewster Shefelton, Chagrin River

ABSENT

Justin Berns, Mayor, City of Beachwood

Chuck Brunello, Mayor, City of Highland Heights

Anthony DiCicco, Mayor, City of Mayfield Heights

Brenda Bodnar, Mayor, Village of Mayfield

Kim Thomas, Mayor, City of Richmond Heights

MINUTES

Welcome and Introductions

Chris Vild called the meeting to order at 8:10 am. He thanked the City of South Euclid for hosting us and providing breakfast. He let attendees know that he had spoken to Kate Chapel ahead of the meeting to discuss the items that could not be voted on at the last meeting due to a lack of quorum, namely the election of a new Chair and Vice Chair, and the approval of the ECWP Work Plan and PIPE Work. Chris Vild has agreed to continue on as Chair for the remainder of 2022 and has suggested that the council forgo formal approval of the work plans since they have been in action all of 2022 and adjustments could be made for the balance of the year if necessary. There was general approval and agreement for this way forward.

Kate Chapel let folks know that there were a few pieces of reference material in hard copy and that all reference material had been sent digitally ahead of the meeting as well. One of those materials is an official designee form that she asked each voting member to fill out before the next meeting so that there would be record of members who have the authority to vote when the council member could not be present.

Approve December 2021 Minutes & June 2022 Minutes

The December 2021 and June 2022 minutes were sent ahead of the meeting for review.
Motion to approve these minutes as written by Ward, seconded by Gail, passes.

2022 ECWP Workplan, PIPE Workplan, and Euclid Creek NPS-IS Plan Updates

Kate Chapel presented on the current state of these three plans. She explained how the PIPE Work Plan was based off of the Public Outreach Strategies for each community on an annual basis, and that these documents could be streamlined and made more effective. There was general agreement that an overhaul and update of the formal of these plans would be done for 2023. Kate also solicited input on objectives within the NPS-IS Plan from all attendees so that she could include feedback and current project ideas in the update to the plan that she intends to send to OEPA this fall. Members of the council had suggestions for permeable pavement locations, and potentially funding that will be explored in future meetings.

Kim Brewster Shefelton gave an update on the Lake Erie Stormwater Stewards Rebate Program that is piloting currently in the City of South Euclid. Questions were answered about funding structure, timing, and access to marketing.

More details can be found in the presentation slides that will be available on the CSWCD website.

Additional Business from Watershed Council members

There was no additional business from watershed council members.

Schedule next meeting

The Watershed Council decided on Monday, November 14, 2022, at 8:00 am in Beachwood for their next meeting. Chris Vild has offered to host and will let folks know the exact location soon. Kate Chapel let folks know that she would send out the meeting slides and a calendar invite for the next meeting later in the day and that she would stay for any additional questions or conversation.

Adjourn Meeting

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Ward, second by Vild, passes.

These minutes are respectfully submitted by Kate Chapel, Secretary of ECWC, Watershed Coordinator at Cuyahoga SWCD.