

**ENVIRONMENTAL RESOURCES ADVISORY COUNCIL  
CITY OF BLOOMINGTON PARKS AND RECREATION  
REGULAR MEETING**

Wednesday, February 13, 2019  
4:30 – 6:00 p.m.

Bloomington Parks and Recreation  
Conference Room

**CALL TO ORDER**

Laney called the meeting to order at 4:32 p.m.

**ROLL CALL**

Members Present: Jeff Ehman, Denise Gardiner, Melissa Laney, Cathy Meyer, Sarah Murray, Dan Myers, David Parkhurst, Angie Shelton  
Staff Present: Steve Cotter, Paula McDevitt, Elizabeth Tompkins

**APPROVAL OF MINUTES**

Parkhurst moved approval of the December minutes, Shelton seconded. Motion carried unanimously.

**A. PUBLIC APPEARANCES**

Murray introduced herself as a new member. She is from Michigan and now works at the Eppley Institute with a background in climate change and food security research as well as urban planning.

Myers introduced himself as a new member and PhD student at IU in Geography with interest in water resources. He worked in Michigan for a watershed council, conducting watershed management plans, aquatic plant management, and stream monitoring.

**B. OLD BUSINESS**

**B-1 2018 Annual Report**

A copy of the 2018 annual report was sent to ERAC members prior to the meeting. No changes were requested. Laney will present the report to the Board of Park Commissioners on February 26.

**B-2 Griffy Deer Management Update**

Cotter reported a Community Hunting Access Program hunt will be held in the fall. Correspondence will be sent to potential hunters in March 2019. He requested ERAC members send him any recommendations of hunters who may be interested in participating. The goal is to have at least 50 hunters vetted for the program this year. Firearms will be used for the hunt since archery would not produce results that would meet the ecological goals. The current preferred ammunition is lead, but research is being done to find potential alternatives. Cotter requested ERAC members send ideas for alternative ammunition.

**B-3 Property Donation Adjacent to Griffy Lake Nature Preserve**

Cotter shared a map of the new 20 acre parcel donated by Julia Heiman to Bloomington Parks and Recreation. Cotter invited ERAC members to tour the new property with staff. There are 3 cabins falling down on the property that need to be demolished. They will be removed by staff who receive training in asbestos removal.

## **C. NEW BUSINESS**

### **C-1 Griffy Water Treatment Plant**

Tompkins reported samples were taken by Utilities in December from the creek. None came back with concerns. Contaminants on the property have not spread to the creek. They have taken additional samples and installed ground water monitoring wells, but no results have been shared at this time. Ehman will request additional information from Utilities.

### **C-2 Education Update**

Tompkins reported BPR is working with an IU environmental education class to help staff volunteer positions at upcoming Nature Days. Meyer reported Indiana Master Naturalist candidates need volunteer hours if anyone has projects. MCPR is hosting a Frogwatch program that encourages citizen scientist data collection. A free Flying Wild workshop will be held on March 2. Bird Fest is April 13 at Karst Farm Park. The Wildflower Foray will be held the last weekend in April. IURTP is hosting a Master Naturalist Program. A Hoosier Rivewatch will be held June 3 and 10 from 6-9 p.m. at Karst Farm Park. Cotter reported SNAYL Day is May 18 at City Hall during the Bloomington Community Farmers' Market. Bug Fest will be held at Hilltop Gardens on June 22.

### **C-3 Election of Officers**

Chair: Melissa Laney  
Vice Chair: Angie Shelton

### **C-4 2019 Initiatives and Topics of Interest**

Wapehani Restoration, Switchyard Park Updates, Trail Updates including Griffy Loop Trail, Griffy Master Plan Updates, Griffy Deer Management, Tree Management, Prescribed Fire, Griffy Water Treatment Plant, Issues Specific to Meeting Sites

### **C-5 April 2019 Meeting Agenda Items**

No specific items requested.

## **ADJOURNMENT**

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30 p.m.

**The next ERAC meeting will be held on Wednesday, April 10, 2019 at Lower Cascades - Waterfall Shelter.**