

MEETING NOTES

Meeting Date: August 27th, 2019
Meeting Time: 10:00 am-12:00 pm
Written By: Eric Long, Portage SWCD
Client: Portage County

Location of Meeting: Portage County SWCD

Purpose of Meeting: Portage County Storm Water Task Force Meeting and Good Housekeeping / Pollution Prevention Training

Attendees: Eric Long – Portage County SWCD
Taylor Hillger - Portage County SWCD
John Trew – Portage County Engineer Office
Mary Helen Smith – Portage County Health District
Amos Sarfo – Portage County Health District
Jim Greener – Alternate for Portage County Board of Commissioners
James Bierlair – Portage County SWCD
Patrick Jeffers – City of Ravenna
Mickey Marozzi – Portage County Engineer
Larry Jenkins – Portage County Engineer Office
John Zizka – Freedom Township
Sue Fields – Brimfield Township
John Kovacich – Atwater Township
Pete Einloth – Suffield Township
Mike Osborne – Suffield Township
Rick Grund – Charlestown Township

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Listed below are general discussion topics.

1. Eric discussed the importance of annual good housekeeping / pollution prevention training:
 - a. An opportunity to provide training to new employees
 - b. Keeps us up to date on changes to permit requirements
 - c. Serves as a reminder that good housekeeping is an “all the time” thing, and keeps us thinking about the importance of storm water pollution prevention in our every day operations.
2. Taylor provided an update on storm water education.
 - a. Taylor highlighted some upcoming workshops including:
 - i. Life in Soil: Your Microscopic Farmhands
 - ii. Grass-fed Grazing & Finishing Pasture Walk
 - iii. Pollinator Field Walk
 - iv. Home Septic 101 w/ the Health Department
 - b. Taylor discussed our upcoming annual election and banquet scheduled for September 12th at 6:00pm. The event will include a presentation on Ohio no-till farming by guest speaker Dave Brandt.
 - c. Taylor also gave an update on the status of the Storm Water Education Grant program.

3. Portage County Health Department update
 - a. Amos went over the storm water IDDE program and the HSTS nuisance complaint inspections.
 - b. Mary Helen some of the other storm water program activities for the Health Department.
4. Good Housekeeping / Pollution Prevention training video
 - a. Rain Check
5. Next SWTF Meeting: November 19th, 2019; 10:00 am at the SWCD office Garden Meeting Room (normal meeting location).
6. The meeting then relocated at the PARTA facility at 2000 Summit Rd. in Kent, OH for a tour of the grounds. The tour was conducted by Brian Troutman and Mick Pennington of PARTA, and highlights included a rainwater reclamation system and wash bays that have water recycling capabilities.

The summary provided herein represents the preparer's best understanding of the items discussed during the subject meeting. Please review for accuracy and completeness and advise EMH&T of any errors or omissions within five (5) business days of issuance.

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