

Tri-Creek Land Use Planning Committee

June 20, 2016 - 1:00 – 3:00 PM

Ridgeville Town Hall

Introductions were made. Those present included:

Bob Micheel, Monroe County Land Conservation District
Chad Ziegler, Monroe County Forest and Parks
Eric Epstein, Township of Ridgeville resident
Inese Epstein, Township of Ridgeville resident
Ron Luethe, Ridgeville Township Supervisor
Bill Quackenbush, Tribal Historic Preservation Officer-Cultural Resources
Division Manager, Ho-Chunk Nation

Bill Quackenbush introduced himself and explained his role as Tribal Historic Preservation Officer and Cultural Resources Division Manager for the Ho-Chunk Nation. He noted the importance of the cultural heritage of this area to the Ho-Chunk Nation. It was noted that a fairly comprehensive archeological survey should have been completed and may be available through the State Historical Society archives. This information may be a good start to update the cultural resource information for Tri-Creek area. Bill also suggested using the Kickapoo Valley Reserve Management Plan as a template for our land use planning document. Bill stated there may be tribal dollars available to the county. The county should contact the Ho-Chunk Nation Department of Justice (715-284-9343) and ask for a copy of the gaming compact for more information. It was suggested the Kickapoo Valley Reserve staff be invited to the next meeting (August 2016) to discuss management plan development.

Updates to resource data assignments (April 14, 2016 meeting) were given by the following: Bob Micheel has put together a three ring binder of the history of the watershed dam and Tri-Creek. This will be added to as other information and historical documents are obtained. Bob has been in contact with DNR personnel for stream and water quality information. Inese Epstein reported information on the agricultural history of the area obtained online from the Monroe County Historical Society. Eric Epstein has compiled a draft list of vegetative types – both general and specific for the area. He also noted there are invasive species present that includes garlic mustard, Canadian thistle, wild parsnip, Eurasian honeysuckle, and buckthorn. There are currently present but not in large numbers. Eric will email the vegetation lists for review by county and DNR personnel. No other update reports were available.

Next meeting – Participants will contact Ron Luethe ron.luethe@centurylink.net with August preferred meeting date – options are: Thursday, August 18,

Tuesday, August 23, Wednesday, August 24, or Thursday, August 25, 2016.
Please respond by Thursday, June 30 2016.

Ron Luethe