

Minutes

Oak Island Stormwater Advisory Board

Discussion of December 17, 2007

Members Present

Bob Zeid, Chair; Susan Pierce, Secretary

Staff Present

John Michaux

Visitors

None.

Quorum

No.

Old Business

Since there was not a quorum the minutes of November 19, 2007 could not be approved. They will be reviewed at the January 21st meeting.

New Business

Since there was not a quorum, “business” could not be conducted. However, a planning discussion for the February 21, 2008 workshop did occur.

It was decided by those present that the 2/21 workshop will focus on rain *barrels*. A workshop on rain *gardens* will occur with warmer weather and better planting conditions – most likely in early April. John will continue to explore potential sites and a number of suggestions were offered.

The rain barrel workshop on Thursday, Feb. 21, 2008 will have an advertised pre-registration. The first 30 registrants will be guaranteed a rain barrel. The registration fee will be \$15 to cover the cost of the rain barrel, fittings and handouts. The workshop will occur at the recreation center in the large room. Registration will begin at 2:30 PM and the program at 3:00 PM. Registration time will include refreshments and “fun” handouts to review.

“Fun” handouts will include refrigerator magnets, potentially in the shape of fish or turtles that highlight how storm water runoff affects water quality. John will explore with “image products” in Wilmington the design and printing of such magnets since we do have about \$3500 left in our public education budget. It seems that at least two themes emerged for handouts: 1. Who does storm water runoff affect? (e.g. fish, turtles, surfers, swimmers, fishers) – good for a visual display on a magnet; 2. How do you improve the quality of storm water runoff? (e.g. control pet waste, reduce fertilizer and herbicide use; don’t dump used oil, antifreeze or gasoline on the ground or in a drain; wash your car on your lawn; leave grass clippings on the grass, etc.) – better for a “calendar-type” magnet.

The actual rain-barrel-program will begin with an overview by Bob of the storm water board’s activity and the website. Our extension director will then present an overview of rain barrel use and

advantages both in terms of runoff control and water conservation. Finally, the pre-registrants will approach their assigned rain barrel and be guided through final installation of the fittings.

Adjournment

This small group adjourned at 7:05 PM, very grateful for the holiday cookies which Bob provided.

Respectfully submitted,
Susan Pierce, Secretary