

9. OLD BUSINESS

9A. Discussion of the Green Infrastructure Survey. Kris Olssen of the Huron River Watershed Council (HRWC)

Olssen referred to information from the discussion at The May 20th Commission meeting when she introduced The survey, and presented the full-sized Northfield Township Green Infrastructure Planning Map which the HRWC had prepared. She then reviewed the “Next Steps: Community Planning for Green Infrastructure” Document, including recommended changes for the Township’s zoning ordinance and Master Plan.

Chick asked whether Olssen felt she was getting input from people from all parts of the Township during the workshop session. Chockley said it seemed there were certainly people from the eastern and southwestern areas because they made comments on the Township map in those areas.

Chockley said it is interesting to see from the map how much land is already designated as Recreation Conservation district. She asked about natural areas upstream of lakes. Olssen said they prepared a Horseshoe Creek report which refers to the problem of phosphorus runoff into the creek, and said there are ways farmers and residents can help control this, including using fertilizers with less phosphorus and leaving vegetation buffers near rivers and lakes,

Olssen said if the Planning Commission would find it useful she could review the Township's zoning ordinance and Master Plan to make specific recommendations for revisions to incorporate the ideas and information from the study. It was agreed she should do this. Olssen said she can have this review done in 2-3 weeks.

Chockley asked about wellhead protection information on the County's website. Olssen said these are essentially watershed protection areas for wellheads to help prevent pollutants from getting into the water supply through wellheads, and this type of information could be included in the Township's Master Plan.