

Watershed Committee of the Ozarks, Inc.
Monthly Meeting Minutes
August 5, 2016
Midtown Carnegie Library
Meeting Called to Order at 7:33 AM

Watershed Committee Update—Mr. Dove opened the meeting. Mr. Kromrey said the Watershed Summer Gala was a success, thanked everyone who attended, and said Gala t-shirts would be for sale after the meeting.

Roll Call

Review of Minutes — July minutes were reviewed.

“Guiding Principles of Sustainability of NPS” —Ted Hillmer, Superintendent, Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield--

Mr. Hillmer said the National Park System’s Sustainability Policies are guided by Federal legislation. He gave examples of recent regulations. The PL 109-058 - Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires reduced water usage, reduced building energy consumption by at least 30% (20% for renovation), procurement of both on-the-grid and off-the-grid energy generation systems, and requires the use of Energy Star or FEMP designed products. Another Executive Order PL 109-058 - Energy Policy Act of 2005 requires projects must derive at least 30% of their water heating from solar, requires projects to dramatically reduce their use of fossil fuel derived energy, and projects with a 5,000 square feet footprint must use site planning, design, construction and maintenance strategies to control stormwater runoff. Mr. Hillmer said Superintendents are to implement these policies and in 2008 it was required all new buildings are LEED certified. He said National examples include the Zion National Park Visitor Center which includes green features such as cooling towers, trombe walls, daylighting, photovoltaic panels and a compact building footprint and the Grand Teton Visitor Center earned LEED Platinum. At Wilson’s Creek National Battlefield, they have incorporated waterless toilets, recycling, low flow water sinks, rain gardens, the lawn mowers run on propane, installed pervious pavement in the parking lot, used recycled lumber on some bridges and benches, use LED lights and more. He said the philosophy is to take care of the resources today for future generations. Mr. Hillmer said he has been writing about sustainability since 1985 and provided brochures and information on sustainability in the NPS.

Natural Resources Conservation Service Update—none.

Regional Issues—Deb Wilson said the Ozarks Mini Maker Faire is Saturday, September 10th from 10am-5pm at the Springfield Expo Center. Tiffany Frey said the snap shot sampling of the James River was successful and thanked everyone who volunteered.

Other Business— none

Meeting adjourned 8:25 a.m.

Minutes taken by Kelly Guenther