

July 9, 2025 Meeting Minutes
To be approved September 4, 2025



Advisory Committee
(appointed by Board of Directors)
In-Person

Wednesday July 9, 2025 – 5 pm
Lost Valley Visitor Center in Glacial Park Conservation Area
Route 31 and Harts Road
Ringwood, IL

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1.0 Call to Order

Chair Smarto

Meeting called to order at 5:45 P.M.

2.0 Roll Call

Secretary Basten

Present: Pat Smarto, Anne Basten, David Corrigan, Rob Bryson, John Fischer, Tom Fernstrom, Conner Lemcke, and Mike Missak

Staff Present: Rob Bowman

Others Present: Sarah Rummel, April Missak, Karl Ohlwein, Chris Poteet, Pat Fernstrom, Kathy Johnson

Absent: Police, Pam Althoff, John Maguire, Holly Garvey, Don Schnurr, Greg Urban, and Rob Rinkenberger
Excused

3.0 Review of Minutes and subsequent comment/corrections/approval

The Draft minutes of May 1, 2025, were provided to the members in advance for review or approval. A motion was made to approve the minutes of May 1, 2025.

Motion: John Fischer
Second: Mike Missak
Motion carried

4.0 Guided Tour of MCCD BMP projects

Senior Landscape Architect, Sarah Rummel of the McHenry County Conservation District, explained the reasoning and planning of the rain gardens, bioswales, filter strips, pervious surfaces, stormwater detention areas, ground gutters, etc employed by the District at the Lost Valley Visitor Center. She also shared other measures taken by the District to attain Gold LEED certification for the site. The group then went outside and viewed the various methods employed in place, installation and maintenance costs, and the results that slowed and filtered the stormwater on site before it reached the Nippersink Creek.

There were many questions about use of grant funds, shovel ready planning, long term planning, documentation and on going maintenance of the Best Management Practices (BMPs) in place on this site and others.

7.0 Member Comments

There were no additional comments

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8.0 Public Comments

Those present thanked Sarah Rummel for her time and expertise for the presentation of the BMPs implemented for stormwater management at the Lost Valley Visitor Center.

9.0 Adjournment – 6:36 p.m.

Motion: Anne Basten

Second: Mike Missak

Motion carried