

**Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners  
Inaugural Election Meeting**  
Wednesday, September 29, 2004  
7:00 p.m.

North Canton Civic Center  
845 West Maple Avenue  
North Canton, OH 44720

**Agenda**

**I. Welcome and Introductions**

- Meeting Attendees: Darrin Petko - Stark Parks; Joe Underwood - Stark County RPC; Robert Workinger - Plain Grange; Ray Shanabruch - Building Industry Association; Michael Miller - North Canton; Pam Feagler - Earth Action Partnership; Eric Akin - NEFCO

**II. Nimishillen Watershed Partners Overview**

- Eric Akin gave a quick overview of the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners and the procedures for the election of Core Committee Members and Officers.
- Eric explained that in order to be a "Resident" member of the Core Committee, a nominee must actually live within the watershed's boundaries. He also said the only difference between a "Resident" and a "Non-Resident" member is that only a "Resident" member may serve as the Chairperson of the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners.

**III. Nominations for the Core Committee**

- Eric Akin asked for nominees for the Nimishillen Creek Core Committee.
- Resident Nominees: Robert Workinger - Canton; Michael Miller - North Canton; Sandy Humphrey - Louisville; Dean England - Marlboro Township; and Jan Lukens - Hartville.
- Non-Resident Nominees: Pam Feagler - Earth Action Partnership; Darrin Petko - Stark Parks; Todd Paulus - Stark County Health Department; Ray Shanabruch - Building Industry Association; and Joe Underwood - Stark County Regional Planning.

**IV. Core Committee Elections**

- All 10 nominees were unanimously elected to the Nimishillen Creek Watershed Partners Core Committee.
- As outlined in the bylaws, all elected members will serve for 4 years on the Core Committee, except Joe Underwood and Jan Lukens who were elected to 2-year term

limit slots.

- It was pointed out that 5 more Core Committee slots remain vacant should anyone know of someone who is interested in joining the Core Committee.
- The Core Committee immediately voted to appoint Eric Akin to the Core Committee as an ex-officio, non-voting member of the Core Committee.

**V. Nimishillen Creek LEAP**

- Eric Akin said that the Nimishillen Creek LEAP clean-up had to be rescheduled to October 23 due to heavy rains that fell the day before the original September 18 date.
- He said everything would remain the same except that the Ohio EPA Fish Sampling demonstration and other interactive activities would be cut from the program.
- Lastly, Eric showed the attendees the T-shirts purchased for all the LEAP volunteers who come out to help with the clean-up.

**VI. Nominations for Officers**

- Chairperson Nominee: Michael Miller
- Vice-Chair Nominee: Pam Feagler
- Secretary Nominee: Eric Akin

**VII. Officers Election**

- Chairperson: Michael Miller
- Vice-Chair: Pam Feagler
- Secretary: Eric Akin

**VIII. Next Meeting Date and Adjourn**

- The next meeting date was set for November 16, 2:00 û 4:00 p.m. at the Start County Regional Planning Commission office. Eric said he would mail out agendas and maps prior to the meeting.
- Possible meeting topics include: Review the Nimishillen Creek Action Plan rewrite, a summary of the Nimishillen Creek LEAP, and a discussion of watershed/water quality funding sources.