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TO: Nine Mile Creek Board of Managers
FROM: Gael Zembal
DATE: July 5, 2018
RE: Education & Outreach Coordinators' Report for July 2018 Regular Board Meeting

Program Updates

Education

The Sustainable and Lo-mow Turf Workshops were popular, with over 30 people attending each one. Jon Trappe, from the UMN Extension Soil Office presented. Paul Erdmann's presentation, Bring Nature Home was also very successful. Our Level 2 Smart Salting workshop had good attendance, despite it being off season. Lastly, the first Art in Nature program (Ojibwa Block Prints at Lone Lake Park) had great attendance. Native artist Gordon Coons walked people through painting their own picture using carved wooden blocks.

Outreach

Gael presented on water saving practices to the newly formed green team of Dell Co in Eden Prairie in June. Pollinator Field Day will be on July 11 at Lone Lake Park. The District will have a station on macroinvertebrates and will bring handouts on District programs.

Nick and Gael had a table at the Bloomington Farmer's Market on July 7th. We brought the AIS Junior Inspector kit to talk about invasive species, as well as preparations for the Normandale Lake Project.

Miscellaneous

- Gael attended the technical skills session on creek assessment at RPBCWD.
- Gael will be attending two grad school classes the weeks of July 9-13 and 16-20, and will only periodically check emails.
- Gael met with Master Water Stewards to talk about capstone projects and other grant opportunities on their property.

Meetings

- Staff met with Jessica Wilson from the City of Edina to discuss education and grant opportunities.
- Staff spoke with Windmill Design on upgrades to the website.

Upcoming Events

July 28	Let's Go Fishing: Bryant Lake, 10-12
July 31	MWS Info Session: Unmapped Brewing, 5:30-6:30
Aug 4	Discovering Dragonflies: Wood Lake Nature Center, Richfield, 1-3
Aug 7	MWS Info Session: REI Bloomington, 6:30-7:30
Aug 18	Art in Nature-Tiny Boatmaking: Valley Park, Hopkins, 2-4