

Chair D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

**1.0 ROLL CALL** – Chair D. Hanson. Members:, B. Voss, V. Kupczak-Rios, D. Paulus, Z. Fowler, Board Liaison D. Besson. Absent and excused: N. Luhm, S. Kastern

**2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 2.1 Minutes Approval – November 12<sup>th</sup> minutes approved (V. Kupczak-Rios/ D. Paulus)
- 2.2 Communications – Permaculture course available online. Committee reviewing to see if link should be added to hcenvironmental.org site.
- 2.3 Public Input – None
- 2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – Board voting on referendum for fire department fall vote.
- 2.5 Committee Budget – \$89.00 sent to Battery Solutions for battery recycling program. \$100.00 allocated for Bird City renewal. \$108.00 (D. Paulus /B. Voss) allocated for annual website hosting.

**3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

- 3.1 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Report – M. Martin has a thorough presentation that has been put together for the Village Board to educate how the EAB will affect the Village and how the DPW and residents will need to plan and act. Current plan has 17 Ash trees to be saved with EAB treatment. 400 trees planned to be removed when EAB is apparent. HCEC discussed having education session for Village. D. Paulus to add educational material to hcenvironmental.org. V. Kupczak-Rios to reach out to M. Martin to see how HCEC can partner with Village and get educational program lined up for Village residents.
- 3.2 Environmental Committee Website Update – (www.hcenvironmental.org/) Information has been added about Bird City and other recent HCEC projects.
- 3.3 CD & Battery Recycling – Village residents continue to use battery recycling stations at Village Hall and Sherper's. CD recycling ongoing but not used much. Committee to evaluate continuing this program.
- 3.4 Bird City Wisconsin / International Migratory Bird Day - International Migratory Bird Day will be on May 10<sup>th</sup> this year. On May 11<sup>th</sup> HCEC will partner with Wehr Nature Center on their Bird Day festivities and Plant sale.
- 3.5 Clean Air Cities Campaign & Asian Carp Resolution – Village Board passed Asian Carp Resolution and passed it along to the State.
- 3.6 Urban Forestry Projects/Grant – Village President, Bob Ruesch, checking back with the radio station group about using part of their land for the proposed nature trail. Radio station group wanted to check with their legal counsel if they would be able to support. Radio station group said to check back in a couple months. HCEC will continue exploring the use of the Village property to support a nature trail and birding path.
- 3.7 Tree City / Arbor Day: – Hales Corners will be celebrating Arbor Day on 4/26 at Cobb Park. Village to order 25 Swamp White Oaks to be handed out at Village Arbor Day

Celebration. Tree planting in Cobb park. It was mentioned that Cobb Park could really use some time tending to the Buckthorn outbreak. HCEC will order and plant 25 Serviceberry (Z. Fowler / B. Voss) as an additional Arbor day project.

- 3.8 TerraCycle: V. Kupczak-Rios to reach out to Whitnall High School to see if HCEC and the high school can connect on the TerraCycle projects.
- 3.9 Village Newsletter – February, May, August, November: D. Hanson provided articles again on current HCEC activities.
- 3.10 Committee Presence at Events - Z. Fowler to check into space at Whitnall Lions Craft fair. There was no room for the December event. It was suggested to follow up in February to possibly have a table at the Spring Lions Craft fair.
- 3.11 Victory Garden Initiative Contest - This contest would involve a group of 10 people to be a part of a Victory Garden project. The sponsor will plant the garden with the support of the 10 individuals to provide ongoing care for the space. HCEC will explore a space in the Village to be used for this award program.

**4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – March 11th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the James R. Ryan Municipal Building**

- 5.0 ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded (Paulus/Fowler) to adjourn at 8:25 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Zachary Fowler