

Chair D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Minutes Approval – February 11th minutes approved (V. Kupczak-Rios/ D. Paulus)

2.2 Communications – V. Kupczak-Rios spoke with DPW manager M. Martin about procuring wood chips for HCEC use on projects. Village DPW would provide wood chips to HCEC when needed. HCEC would need to let DPW when and where we needed the wood chips and they would be made available. Village DPW asking HCEC to assist with organizing ongoing care for new trees that will be planted throughout the Village.

2.3 Public Input – None

2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – None

2.5 Committee Budget – Current Budget remaining about 953.00

3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

3.1 Emerald Ash Borer (EAB) Report – Village to hold public Emerald Ash Borer informational meeting in May.

3.2 Environmental Committee Website Update – (www.hcenvironmental.org/) Lots of info added to the web site. Garden Initiative, EAB, International Migratory Bird Day, and Arbor Day information added to the web site by D. Paulus. HCEC encourages to check out the web site. Please submit ideas / suggestions / content to Don Paulus at netprophet@sbcglobal.net.

3.3 CD & Battery Recycling – Village residents continue to use battery recycling stations at Village Hall and Sherper's. Roughly 250 lbs. of batteries have been collected, saved from landfills and recycled. CD recycling ongoing.

3.4 Bird City Wisconsin / International Migratory Bird Day - HCEC will achieve its Sustained Flight award from Bird Cities Wisconsin in 2014. HCEC will continue to implement and work towards requirements to achieve the High Flier award. International Migratory Bird Day will be on May 10th this year. On May 11th HCEC will partner with Wehr Nature Center on their Bird Day festivities and Plant sale.

3.5 Clean Air Cities Campaign & Asian Carp Resolution – No Report

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. HCEC ordered 25 Swamp White Oaks to be handed out at Village Arbor Day

Celebration. Tree planting in Cobb Park. Ironwood ordered for planting celebration. Correction to 2/11 minutes: HCEC will order and plant 25 ELDERBERRY (not Service Berry as previously indicated) (Z. Fowler / B. Voss) as an additional Arbor Day project for HCEC to plant.

- 3.8 TerraCycle: It was suggested that each committee member review the Terracycle web site and programs. HCEC to see how we can initiate these programs within the local schools.
 - 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.
 - 3.11 Victory Garden Initiative Contest – HCEC to view vacant lots to see what might be planned for either the Victory Garden or Village tree planting initiatives.
- 4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – April 8th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the James R. Ryan Municipal Building**
- 5.0 ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded (Voss/Fowler) to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Zachary Fowler