

Chair D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:04 p.m.

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

**2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

2.1 Minutes Approval – January 13<sup>th</sup> minutes approved with corrections – 2.2 “Invasive” species replaces “migratory” species and correction for 3.3 Restore “birds” replaces Restore “habitat”.. (D Paulus, S Kastern)

2.2 Communications – SE Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium has an option on their website for HCEC to submit work and volunteer days for publicity. Bird City Webinar occurred on 3/11. Garlic Mustard Pull-a-thon mentioned as future option for HCEC activity to participate in.

2.3 Public Input – None

2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – Edgerton Ave construction options being considered

2.5 Committee Budget – 1,210.00. D. Hanson confirming how much was carried over from previous years. D. Hanson 40.00 for Arbor day costs

**3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

3.1 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook - ([www.hcenvironmental.org/](http://www.hcenvironmental.org/)) D. Paulus added info and links for Arbor Day and Migratory Bird Day. S. Kastern suggested information on need for new HCEC new member be added to the group website.

3.2 CD & Battery Recycling – No report.

3.3 Bird City Wisconsin / IMDB / Birdathon – Bird City renewal submitted. Bird City is requesting a resolution from the Village. Existing proclamation will be converted and requested to be submitted as a resolution. D. Besson to submit to have it on 3/23 agenda. International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) is May 9<sup>th</sup>. HCEC to celebrate IMDB with a work day on 5/9. Shoetz Park work day to follow IMBD theme “restore habitat, restore birds”. Work day will be from 10-1 on 5/9. D. Hanson registered HCEC for 2015 Bird-A-Thon.

3.4 Urban Forestry Projects/Grant – S. Kastern working on getting survey done for HCEC trail project.

3.5 Tree City / Arbor Day: – Arbor Day is 4/25/15. Celebration to take place in Shoetz Park at 10am. Possible tree planting site to be at trail project entrance to improve presence of native species in the area. Wafer Ash ordered for celebratory tree planting. Allegany Service Berry and Button Bush ordered to distribute and plant for Arbor Day.

3.6 Grange Avenue Pond – Prairie burn going to be scheduled for pond area.

3.7 Village Newsletter – February, May, August, November: - Newsletter ideas to be put forth next meeting.

3.8 Committee Presence at Events – No Report

- 3.9 Vacant Lots / Victory Garden Initiative Contest - S. Kastern looking into class schedule for Victory Garden.
- 3.10 Possible School Projects – Terracycle, Z. Fowler to follow up with Hales Corners PTO to see if this is a program they are currently taking part of.
- 3/11 Library Displays – D. Hanson set up display in small display case at HC Library. D. Hanson reserved the large display case for May. Monarch Migration and awareness will be theme. D. Hanson has done a bunch of research looking for materials for display case.

**4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – April 14th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the James R. Ryan Municipal Building**

- 5.0 ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded (Kastern/Fowler) to adjourn at 8:01 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Zachary Fowler