

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, S. Kastern, Board Liaison D. Besson Absent and excused: N. Luhm,

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

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- 2.1 Minutes Approval – March 11th minutes approved (D. Paulus / V. Kupczak-Rios)
- 2.2 Communications – D. Paulus attended Sustainability Summit. Focus on Energy gave special presentation. Energy audits were promoted by Focus on Energy as an easy way to address unknown issues and to get ideas to mediate high energy consumption problems . V. Kupczak-Rios saw WE Energies present at Milwaukee county expo. WE Energies present and stated there is a lot of activity on great initiatives.
 - 2.2.1 V. Kupczak-Rios spoke with M. Martin about possible banner or signage at Grange Avenue pond to preview HCEC events and community activities/information. HCEC encouraged to come up with ideas about sign to present to Village Board. Sign must meet village ordinance. D. Besson to look at and maybe bring in Village ordinance for next meeting to review.
- 2.3 Public Input – Heather with community NOW was present at HCEC meeting. The paper would like for more stories from the community and the committee on our activities.
- 2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – PWC to present to public 5/15 at Village Hall on EAB. Presentation will be followed by M. Martin’s EAB information presentation.
- 2.5 Committee Budget – Current Budget remaining about 923.00. 20.00 used for shrubs for Arbor day event.

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 and education material added to the web site for Emerald Ash Borer. International Migratory Bird Day and Arbor day information added to the HCEC web site.
- 3.3 CD & Battery Recycling – Village residents continue to use battery recycling stations at Village Hall and Sherper’s. Sherper’s bucket emptied. CD recycling ongoing.
- 3.4 Bird City Wisconsin / International Migratory Bird Day (IMBD) - HCEC has signed up as a team again for IMBD event at Wehr Nature Center. Team will meet at Wehr Nature center on IMDB to partake in birding walk to count how many species can be seen in that given 24 hours. HCEC will be looking for donations against species count. ½ proceeds go to Bird City Wisconsin and ½ proceeds will go to HCEC for community improvement projects.
- 3.5 Clean Air Cities Campaign & Asian Carp Resolution – No Report
- 3.6 Urban Forestry Projects/Grant – No contact back from radio station if they are interested in having birding/nature trail to go through their property. HCEC will continue to vet the

project through the forest on Hales Corners owned land in the area off of 116th From the pond to just south of Copeland intersection.

- 3.7 Tree City / Arbor Day: – Hales Corners will be celebrating Arbor Day on 4/26 at Cobb Park 10am. 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.
- 3.8 TerraCycle: Committee members to approach local schools to inquire if they are involved with the TerraCycle project. Z. Fowler to inquire with both elementary schools. V. Kupczak-Rios to check with middle school and high school if they are involved with this program.
- 3.9 Fire Station Lawn Care / Rain Garden Project - Z. Fowler to try to schedule a day to aerate lawn at fire station.
- 3.10 Garden Initiative- Committee members encouraged to ride around and take a look at vacant lots that might be available for different garden initiatives including Victory Garden project.
- 3.11 Village Newsletter – February, May, August, November: Compost tea and garden info to be added to next article. Articles always written by D. Hanson. Other committee members encouraged to present ideas or written articles that may be submitted to Village for next newsletter.
- 3.12 Committee Presence at Events – No report.
- 3.13 Vacant Lots / Victory Garden Initiative Contest - V. Kupczak-Rios spoke with M. Martin about vacant lot projects. Village to plant 150 trees over the next 5 years. Those plantings will replace trees for EAB as well as populate vacant lots. V. Kupczak-Rios suggested program that would involve “guardians” of the new tree plantings to make sure trees are cared for and watered if dry spells occur.

4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – June 10th, 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 8:18 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Zachary Fowler