

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

**1.0 ROLL CALL:** Chair: D. Hanson; Members: S. Kastern, D. Paulus, B. Voss

**2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS**

- 2.1 Minutes Approval – None available.
- 2.2 Communications – None.
- 2.3 Public Input – None.
- 2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – Mr. Meleski had nothing to report.
- 2.5 Committee Budget – D. Hanson will look into things further.

**3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

- 3.1 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook – D. Paulus has been making updates to the website. S. Kastern will post Bird-a-thon information on facebook.
- 3.2 CD and Battery Recycling – D. Paulus will replace the CD Recycling Box with a small sized box at the Village Hall.
- 3.3 Bird City/IMBD/Birdathon - The Environmental committee will be participating in a bird walk at the Wehr Nature Center at 7:30 a.m. on Sunday May 14<sup>th</sup>. S. Kastern will promote via Facebook. S. Kastern will bring banner and promotional materials.
- 3.4 Tree City/Arbor Day – M. Martin confirmed that we did receive our Tree City renewal status. We planted two Speckled Alder trees in Schoetz Park. Our Department of Public Works did a wonderful job in preparing the site. They cleared multiple large buckthorn. We gave Swamp White Oak and Black Chokeberry to the residents attending.
- 3.5 Vacant Lots/Victory Garden Initiative Contest - D. Hanson will follow up with Victory Garden regarding the sign. We need a work day to distribute the mulch. We need deer protection! Follow up with DPW regarding fence post availability. D. Paulus will look into possible post with brochure center. Follow up with labeling the trees more permanently.
- 3.6 Grange Woods Nature Trail/Grants – No grants at this time. Garlic Mustard Pull-a-thon. Engage the Scouts in the pulling of garlic mustard. Best to pull the garlic mustard before flowering. S. Kastern will contact
- 3.7 Fire Station Lawn Care/Rain Garden Project – S. Kastern will weed rain garden. Environmental Committee will produce a letter to the Chief requesting that the fire department burns or allows the Environmental Committee to burn this fall. We need to Need to allow the Korean Spice Bushes to take a more natural form.
- 3.8 Grange Avenue Pond – D. Hanson will contact MMSD to request a sign. Position the sign to help discourage overly aggressive mowing.
- 3.9 Additional Signs for Tree & Bird City – K. Meleski will check into possible funding options for signage.
- 3.10 Bee City/Pollinator Week – June 20<sup>th</sup> – 26<sup>th</sup>. M. Weber has granted permission to plant a pollinator garden adjacent to the orchard. D. Hanson has some Swamp Milkweed and *Liatrix ligulistylis*. D. Hanson believes we may be able to dig out a few plants from Stahl Conrad Homestead that need to be moved anyways. Planting is scheduled for Saturday, June 25<sup>th</sup> at 10 a.m. “Beyond Toxics” is a group promoting the reduction in pesticides for the sake of native bees. They are calling on the Governor to declare August 15<sup>th</sup> as Native Bee Conservation Day. D. Hanson is willing to write the letter to Governor Walker. D. Paulus motions and B. Voss seconds for D. Hanson to write this letter to the Governor on behalf of the committee.
- 3.11 Mayors' Monarch Pledge – B. Ruesch did sign the monarch pledge. There are 25 action items to choose from. D. Hanson sent information to committee members earlier today. D. Hanson found a source of Swamp Milkweed: 32 plants for \$74. Scatter the seed in the

fall as a method of planting. Possibly collect and then give seeds away at the Whitnall Block Party.

- 3.12 Village Newsletter- February, May, August, November. D. Hanson forwarded her submission to our committee for review.

#### **4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE**

Next Meeting: June 14<sup>th</sup>, 2016 7 p.m. at Village Hall

#### **5.0 ADJOURNMENT**

It was moved and seconded (B. Voss; D. Paulus) to adjourn the meeting at 8:26 p.m.; motion unanimously approved.