

Chair D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:12 p.m.

**1.0 ROLL CALL** – Chair D. Hanson. Members:, B. Voss, 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 – June, and July 2014 approved. (D. Paulus, B Voss)

2.2 Communications – Whitnall HS teachers stopped by HCEC National Night out table to connect on future projects.

2.3 Public Input – None

2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – Board approved placing Bird City WI and Tree City USA signs at Village entrances. Committee needs to order more of each of these signs. Village of Hales Corners to participate in a shooter program with Whitnall High School and Greenfield.

2.5 Committee Budget – S. Kastern used 34.00 for National Night Out event. Current budget at approx. 971.00 (D. Hanson confirming with DPW)

**3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS**

3.1 Garden Initiative– HCEC discussed a dozen local gardens. Committee selected 2014 Garden Winners. Awards will be handed out within the next month. Awards include 5 floral/residential gardens, 1 vegetable/fruit/nut garden, 1 Commercial garden.

3.2 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook – ([www.hcenvironmental.org/](http://www.hcenvironmental.org/)) Facebook site adding “likes” Committee becoming familiar and discussing how to use Facebook to better connect with the community.

3.3 CD & Battery Recycling – Sherper’s bucket was emptied. Batch of batteries sent to recycling center.

3.4 Bird City Wisconsin /IMDB /Birdathon – 165.00 received by Bird City WI for the 2014 Birdathon. D. Besson to inquire how many signs need to be ordered. S. Kastern / B. Voss motion to acquire more signs from Arbor Day Foundation and Bird City WI.

3.5 Grange Avenue Pond – Pond prairie burn to be scheduled again for the fall.

3.6 Urban Forestry Projects/Grant – S. Kastern report on research done for birding trail in Grange Woods. 500-1000.00 would provide an aerial survey and report. Trail may be able to be mapped and planned with such report. Physical site survey could be 7500 to 15,000.00 estimate. Committee quickly decided that the physical site survey was not an option for the project. The HCEC to put together grant application for aerial survey. S. Kastern to get list of engineers and submit for engineering study. Z. Fowler / D. Paulus motion to get engineering study done, value up to 1,000.00 to get some scope for the birding and nature trail project. Initial engineering study will assist to put together project plan for future proposals and community groups. S. Kastern / B. Voss motion to approve C.D Besandny grant application for birding trail project in the sum of 1,000.00. Z. Fowler and D. Hanson to connect on finalizing grant application.

- 3.7 Tree City / Arbor Day: – Additional signs to be ordered.
- 3.8 Fire Station Lawn Care / Rain Garden Project: Future work day to be scheduled.
- 3.9 Village Newsletter – February, May, August, November: Village newsletter article to include information on organic gardening.
- 3.10 Committee Presence at Events – HCEC presence at National Night Out. Committee table provided bird feeder craft for kids to complete. Many Village residence stopped by to ask questions about HCEC initiatives. EAB, Victory Garden project, and Invasive species were popular topics.
- 3.11 Vacant Lots / Victory Garden Initiative Contest - Village members signed up at National night out to take part in this initiative.

**4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – September 9th, 2014 at 7:00 PM at the James R. Ryan Municipal Building**

- 5.0 ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded (Kastern/Voss) to adjourn at 8:19 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Zachary Fowler