

Chair D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:07 p.m.

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

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Minutes Approval – No minutes to review.

2.2 Communications – Received notice from Sherper’s that batteries need to be collected. Z. Fowler just sent email today stating that he collected 150 lbs.

2.3 Public Input – None

2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – D. Besson reports that budget is ongoing. Environmental committee budget remains the same as last year. D. Besson has not yet made a formal request for a carry-over but will do so.

2.5 Committee Budget – D. Hanson has sent an email to Michelle at Village Hall requesting report on budget.

3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

3.1 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook - (www.hcenvironmental.org/) D. Paulus has asked that if he is unable to attend events, we should designate someone who is attending to take a picture and provide a short summary of events. This should include the library display cases. It would benefit our committee to keep tabs on our activities. D. Hanson will bring photos of “pollinators” display from the library.

3.2 CD & Battery Recycling – Z. Fowler reported via email that he recently collected 150 lbs.

3.3 Urban Forestry Projects/Grant – Tim Malzhan from Ice Age Trails will be joining us on Tuesday, November 10th at 10 a.m. for a walk and talk at trail site.

3.4 Garden Initiative – D. Paulus brought pictures of the nominations. Very nice to see households incorporating milkweed into gardens. Contemplating special award for gardens using milkweed. Determined the winners by popular vote. Divided up the award signs to be distributed after the meeting.

3.5 Grange Avenue Pond – S. Kastern investigated the costs of the golf turf stakes. Prices range from \$7 to \$10. Earth anchors at Menards are just a little less expensive. D. Besson will speak with Mike Martin regarding options for marking the rain garden and the Grange Avenue Pond. D. Paulus will photoshop images onto a picture of Grange Ave Pond to give a better idea of the aesthetics.

3.6 Fire Station Lawn Care/Rain Garden Project – Z. Fowler aerated last Saturday. Motion made and seconded to spend less than \$200 for over-seeding the fire department front lawn (Kastern/Paulus); Motion passed.

3.7 Committee Presence at Events – Block Party at Whitnall High School: B. Voss, D. Hanson, and S. Kastern helped out. Recommend to have activities for children. Save pinecones, paper towel and toilet paper rolls, and water bottles for future events.

- 3.8 Vacant Lots / Victory Garden Initiative Contest – No report.
- 3.9 Village Newsletter – February, May, August, November: - Announce Bee City, Land Registry, Schoetz Park project underway.
- 3.10 Bee City - Article in the NOW on Sept. 24th, 2015. Pollinator Month is June. Considering a possible milkweed sale.
- 3.11 Additional Signs for Tree City and Bird City - Need to figure out how many signs we actually need. Mike Martin and Don Schwartz are looking at relocating some of the signs. D. Besson will call D. Hanson with the information on the signs this week.

4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – November 10th, 2015 at 7:00 PM at the James R. Ryan Municipal Building

5.0 ADJOURNMENT – It was moved and seconded (Paulus/Voss) to adjourn at 8:10 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Sarah Kastern