

Chair D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:02 p.m.

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

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Minutes Approval – None to review at this time.

2.2 Communications – D. Hanson had received invitation for Southeastern Wisconsin Invasive Species Consortium 8th Annual Symposium. This meeting is free and open to the public. D. Hanson, S. Kastern, and D. Paulus stated that they were interested in attending.

2.3 Public Input – None.

2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – D. Besson attended the Walk & Talk with Tim Malzhan at Schoetz Park earlier today. He stated that he would not be able to attend tonight’s meeting. He did report earlier that he spoke with M. Martin about the proposed stake and chain/rope to delineate prairie grasses at Grange Avenue Pond. M. Martin stated that they would not be allowed to use stakes due to liability.

2.5 Committee Budget – D. Hanson reported that we have \$1177.35 remaining in this year’s budget. S. Kastern submitted a receipt to D. Hanson for \$120.87 spent on grass seed for the Fire Department Natural Lawn Care Project. Additionally, Tim Malzhan will be submitting an invoice for \$500 for consulting services for the Schoetz Park Trail. D. Hanson further reported that the “Park Budget” had \$1324.85. Committee members had questions as to what had been spent from which account. D. Hanson stated that she would request a detailed list of transactions in and out of our accounts.

3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

3.1 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook – D. Paulus posted information on Garden Initiative Award Winners.

3.2 CD & Battery Recycling – Z. Fowler investigated a couple local options but has not yet found a suitable replacement for Battery Solutions in Michigan.

3.3 Urban Forestry Projects/Grants – S. Kastern shared information regarding the Walk & Talk with Tim Malzhan earlier today. Prior to the visit, a request had been placed with M. Martin for a few markers indicating where village property and radio station property boundaries are located. According to D. Besson, M. Martin was unable to do so because doing so would require a full survey. A full survey will need to be budgeted for with respect to time and money in 2016. There was some discussion regarding the name of the trail. Thus far, the committee had been referring to it as a Schoetz Park Trail. However, the nature trail would be located in the adjacent wooded area which is listed as “#17 Grange Woods” per the Historical Society’s walking tour. The Committee considered using the name of either “Grange Woods Trail” or “Grange Nature Trail.” S. Kastern described next steps in the planning process and recommended dedicating meeting in December to strategic planning session for this project.

3.4 Garden Initiative – Awards have been distributed.

3.5 Grange Avenue Pond – According to D. Besson, M. Martin stated that he would instruct lawn care personnel to keep the mowing to one mower width. The

committee contemplated signage to help educate onlookers about the purpose of the prairie plantings.

- 3.6 Fire Station Lawn Care & Rain Garden – S. Kastern purchased seed from Horn brothers and will be applying it according to instructions provided by the owner.
- 3.7 Vacant Lots/Victory Garden Initiative – The contest evaluates community participation for those individuals and families living within close proximity to the garden. Committee members feel it is important to bring those who may be interested together for a meeting. Z. Fowler feels that he has quite a few interested families near Lots 19 & 20 on Parnell. Planting a fruit tree yet this year was also discussed and committee members will see if nurseries still have trees available.
- 3.8 Village Newsletter – D. Hanson will submit information on the land registry, bee city, and our Grange Wood Trail/ Grange Nature Trail.
- 3.9 Bee City- June is pollinator month. A display at the library would be most appropriate. Other options for public education were discussed including potential milkweed sale. It may be possible to collaborate with other like-minded groups.
- 3.10 Additional Signs for Tree City & Bird City – There are currently six “Village of Hales Corners” signs. There are Bird City signs at two of those locations, Forest Home by St. Mary’s and Janesville Rd near 124th St. There is currently no sign of any type at the South end of 108th St. The committee considered purchasing enough signs for eight locations. D. Hanson believes that M. Martin has a Tree City sign. Thus, six Bird City signs are needed; seven Tree City signs are needed; and eight Bee City signs are needed. D. Paulus will obtain an estimate on the signs for Bee City. D. Hanson will check into signs for Tree City and Bird City.

4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – Tuesday, December 8th, 2015 at 7:00 p.m.

5.0 ADJOURNMENT – It was moved and seconded (B. Voss; Z. Fowler) to adjourn the meeting at 8:36 p.m.; motion unanimously approved.

Submitted,

Sarah Kastern