

Chair D. Hanson called the meeting to order at 7:06 p.m.

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

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Minutes Approval – 09/09/14 minutes approved. (D Paulus, S Kastern)

2.2 Communications – Bird City Wisconsin sent a notice of national migratory species awareness week in February. Bird City Wisconsin also sent a sample proclamation regarding being aware of the need in the community for migratory species. Proclamation submitted to D Besson to present to Hales Corners board chair for acceptance.

2.3 Public Input – None

2.4 Village Board Liaison Report – No one submitted to run for village board. New Environmental Committee budget of 1,250.00 was approved for 2015. Carry over was accepted from previous years.

2.5 Committee Budget – 1,250.00. D. Hanson confirming how much was carried over from previous years.

3.0 PROJECTS/PROGRAMS

3.1 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook - (www.hcenvironmental.org/) D. Paulus added info on pollinators. Info also added on Monarch Butterfly and further information on species possibly being added to endangered species list.

3.2 CD & Battery Recycling – Sherper’s bucket was emptied. Batch of batteries sent to recycling center. D. Paulus suggested looking into Safety Clean as possibly local battery recycling center.

3.3 Bird City Wisconsin / IMDB / Birdathon – International Migratory Bird Day is 5/9/15. Theme will be “restore habitat, restore life”. D. Hanson proposed “restore habitat” them continue on 116th trail project.

3.4 Urban Forestry Projects/Grant – Still looking at options for trail project on 116th. D. Paulus sending S. Kastern resource for possible engineering.

3.5 Tree City / Arbor Day: – Tree City renewal submitted by M. Martin. Growth award application also submitted. Arbor day is 4/25/15. Celebration to take place in Shoetz Park this year. Possible tree planting site to be at trail project entrance to improve presence of native species in the area.
5/9 suggested and scheduled as work day for HCEC and volunteers.

3.6 Village Newsletter – February, May, August, November: 5/9/15 HCEC Work day, Garden Initiative, and Monarch Butterfly were all suggested as subjects for the February newsletter.

3.7 Committee Presence at Events – Chamber of commerce suggested as possible opportunity for presentation.

- 3.8 Vacant Lots / Victory Garden Initiative Contest - Application due on 2/7. Award given 2/22. Vacant lots 1, 2, 16, 19, and 20 were narrowed down as possible plan site. (Source Map 5.0 Recommended Planting Sites)
- 3.9 Possible School Projects – Terracycle, Z. Fowler to follow up with Hales Corners PTO to see if this is a program they are currently taking part of.

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

- 5.0 ADJOURNMENT** – It was moved and seconded (Kastern/Fowler) to adjourn at 8:14 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Zachary Fowler