

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

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

2.0 GENERAL BUSINESS

2.1 Minutes Approval – September 9th 2014 minutes approved. (D. Paulus, B Voss)

2.2 Communications – Possible school projects to “Bring Back the Monarchs” by planting 32 free common milkweed plants to start a butterfly garden. R. Stockinger may be a resource based on his experience with planting the vegetable garden. D. Hanson has an email for Whitnall High School Environmental Club and will send notice to them. There is also a Friends of the Monarch Trail plant sale in May/June. Possibly give away milkweed at Arbor Day? Concern with so few attendees. There is a Library Book Sale in spring that we may be able to give away the milkweed.

2.2 Public Input – None

2.3 Village Board Liaison Report – Village Board submitting HCEC budget to remain the same in 2015 as previous years

2.4 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 Environmental Committee Website & Facebook – (www.hcenvironmental.org/)
Garden Initiative winners added to web site.

3.2 CD & Battery Recycling – Both Sherper’s location and Village Hall location continue to see battery recycling traffic.

3.3 Bird City Wisconsin / IMDB / Birdathon – Village to add Bird City Wisconsin signs to existing tree city sign locations. Inventory on how many signs needed being done.

3.4 Grange Avenue Pond – After D. Hanson Contacted Mark at Wehr it was suggested a spring prairie burn be done.

3.5 Urban Forestry Projects/Grant – Grant application postponed until 2015.

3.6 Tree City / Arbor Day: – D. Hanson requested meeting with M. Martin regarding Growth Award. Submission due in December.

3.7 Fire Station Lawn Care / Rain Garden Project: - The fire station lawn was aerated to further progress the natural lawn care project.

3.8 Village Newsletter – February, May, August, and November: - Suggestions including information about pesticide awareness in the village newsletter November deadline.

3.9 Committee Presence at Events - None

- 3.10 Vacant Lots / Victory Garden Initiative Contest: - Names were collected and saved from the National Night out for future projects including the Victory Garden Initiative.
- 3.11 Possible School Projects: - “Bring back the Monarchs” discussed about having school location to be planted. Milkweed highly recommended to be planted to support healthy Monarch migration.

4.0 NEXT MEETING DATE – November 11th, 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 8:17 p.m.; motion approved.

Submitted,

Zachary Fowler