

PARKS & FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, August 2, 2022

Town of Wilson Hall

5935 South Business Drive

Sheboygan, WI 53081

Present: Deb Lisberg, Bill Hartmann, Dóri Németh, Andy VanStelle, Tom Sonntag

Public in attendance: Tom Stoelb, Nancy DesJardins, John Ehmann

1, Meeting called to order at 6:30pm. Quorum is present and meeting is in compliance with open meeting regulations.

2, Public comments:

Tom Stoelb is not in favor of using chemicals in public parks. He would like to have a discussion on the subject. The city of Plymouth has recently chosen a less-toxic approach. Tom will research.

Nancy DesJardins brought up the need for friends' groups to help maintain the parks & conservancies. She will provide a list of names.

Mary Faydash, 5631 Driftwood Lane, called Deb to express concerns about herbicide spraying in the parks. She would like to know what chemicals are being used and what are the associated health risks.

3, John Ehmann answered questions in regards to P&FC vs. Maintenance Dept. functions. If town resources are needed, we are to email Ben and copy John, Julie & Shawna.

4, Motion to approve the July 12th meeting minutes by Andy, second by Bill. Motion carries.

5, We'll proceed with the mulching of the trees at Schinker Creek per Andy's quote. Motion by Dóri, Bill second. Motion carries. We will review the rest of the proposal at our next meeting.

6, We have been approached by a volunteer to assist in honeysuckle removal at the Jerving conservancy. He will need to be trained and he won't be able to use chainsaw. Bill will set up monthly workdays. We will solicit additional volunteers. Removal of the invasive honeysuckle will be an ongoing effort.

7, The beehives are still at the Jerving Conservancy but they have now been split. We'll give them 2 more weeks. Deb will follow up again to make sure that they have been removed as promised.

8, 2023 P&FC budget: commissioners are to submit ideas (with cost estimates, if possible) to Deb by 8/26.

9, Mueller Conservancy barberry removal: There's a new bridge built by Rich Stephanie that allows creek crossing by heavy equipment. This will be helpful for future treatments. Per Nancy, the homeowner will provide access.

Shawna found 2 invoices & payments to Midwest Prairies. Nancy will locate pictures from the work as it was being performed. These will be sent to the grant administrator as the requested proof of performance.

Agenda items 10 & 11 will be addressed at the next meeting.

12, Deb moved to adjourn, Andy second. Meeting adjourned at 8:26pm.