

PARKS & FORESTRY COMMISSION MEETING MINUTES

Tuesday, November 8th 2022

Black River Advancement Association Hall
435 Indian Mound Rd
Sheboygan, WI 53081

Present: Deb Lisberg, Bill Hartmann, Dori Nemeth, Andy VanStelle, Tom Sonntag

Public in attendance: none

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

3, Andy motioned to approve the October 11 meeting minutes with one small revision, Deb second. Motion carries.

4, The Mueller Conservancy barberry update was tabled until the next meeting due to Sam's absence.

5, Mary Reid emailed an update to Deb about the beehives in the Jerving Conservancy. She requested permission to keep some bees at the conservancy.

Deb will discuss with John. P&FC is in favor, with signage/ fence. Permission may be revoked at any time at our discretion.

6, Invasive Honeysuckle removal at the Jerving Conservancy: Bill's been making progress, working with volunteers and whenever free time allowed. Another work day is coming up.

7, The fall tree planting has been successfully accomplished at both the Jerving Conservancy & Schinker Creek Park. Thank you for our volunteers and grant sponsors!

8, The 2022 Phragmites control treatments have been completed per report from Stantec who was performing the applications on behalf of Glacierland RC&D.

9, Parks Maintenance Standard Operating Procedures were put together and will be adjusted as needed going forward. Detailed list attached.

10, P&FC Members consulted with former Kohler Andrae Park Director & experienced trail maker Jim Buchholz. An exploratory walk-through was conducted on November 1st on both sides of the river at the Balzer Wilderness Park with John Ehmann, Deb, Bill & Dori in attendance along with Jim Buchholz.

Trail will be kept on the higher ground. Final routing will be determined in the spring, when ephemeral wildflowers are visible & can be avoided. A simple foot trail will be established and marked.

We'll explore the possibility of having scouts help create the trail.

11, Jerving Conservancy:

Ben & the TOW Maintenance Crew started clearing the public access. A parking area has been proposed, utilizing the wide easement along the East side of N. Evergreen Dr. in front of the public access.

Andy suggested using a walk-behind brush mover for the tall vegetation. Signage has been discussed and maps to direct toward exit. Trail loops need to be created.

Mueller Conservancy:

Public access will need to be improved once the barberry is somewhat under control.

12, Tom motioned to adjourn, Bill second. Meeting adjourned at 8:02 pm.