

Natural Resource Advisory Group

3.19.2024 Minutes

Present: Betsy Knowles, Marge Loch-Wouters, Jason Ludwigson, Ruth Nissen, Randy Urich, Bill Waller

Old Business

- I. Minutes from 2.15.2024 approved
- II. Proposed tree ordinance: Final changes discussed.
- III. Val Green presentation to Parks Commission (March 18): Reviewed the presentation by Val Green (DNR forester) of the habitat plan for the Vetch/Stoney/Vollenwieder property. Discussed the options presented to address invasive exotics, including the potential DNR assistance with removal of roundleaf bittersweet. Considered the need to help the public understand efforts.
- IV. Dry Bluff Prairie Work Day Eagles Bluff Park - February 24: Jason reported a successful effort with a crew of nine individuals working on both prairies.
- V. Dog Park updates: Work is moving forward with the Chestnut Street location.
- VI. Wagon Wheel Sign: Verbiage for the sign remains under review, and there is the opportunity to place additional information on the city web page. Grant funding for the signage will be explored.
- VII. Other: The grant for Pine Creek restoration was discussed.

New Business

- VIII. Invasives - Garlic Mustard pulling dates are tentatively set for April 6 and April 10. Other dates may be added depending on availability of volunteers. The effort will be posted on La Crescent Together and City facebook, as well as shared with hiking groups and Houston County News.
- IX. Bird Migration Day - because of licensing issues, bird banding may not occur this year.
- X. Tree planting with the Lions will be on Friday April 26.
- XI. Next Meeting - April 25, 3:15 pm