

Natural Resources Advisory Group
8.28.2024 Agenda
3:15 pm. City Hall Conference Room

Present:

I Approval of Minutes from 7/10/2024

II. Old Business

- A . Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park pollinator gardens and other plantings - status and public feedback
- B. Blue Lake Canoe/Kayak Project - status
- C. Review of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant project -update (City Council)
 - 1. Public outreach Stoney Point forestry mowing project
- D. Trail Maintenance Guidelines
- E . Dog park status
- F. Trail sign installs Eagles Bluff Park - Lions Project status
- G. SHIP grant park entrance signs
- H. John Fucshel location for memorial planting status
- I Prairie Restoration signs and seeding
- J Conservation Easement – Minnesota Land Trust – Eagles Bluff Park

III. New Business

- A. Planning for trail maintenance next year

V. Next Meeting

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

- I. Minutes from 5/23/2024 approved.
- II. Old Business
 - A. Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park pollinator gardens - the mulch is in
 - B. Blue Lake Canoe/Kayak Project - concrete is not yet poured because of high water
 - C. Review of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant project
 1. Val Green (MN DNR forester) and TJ Boettcher (MN DNR Conservation Focus Area Coordinator) spoke to City Council on July 8 about the forestry mowing project and answered questions
 2. Public Outreach for Forestry Mowing project. Discussed and reviewed the proposed informational forest rehabilitation yard signs, a write-up for the city web page, set of FAQ's, newsletter content, reaching out to key players, newspaper coverage in the fall, signage at the library, presence at La Crescent Live or Farmers Market.
 - D. Status of Trail Maintenance Guidelines.
 1. The draft of trail maintenance guidelines and considerations will be sent for review and discussion at the next meeting.
 2. A work day with City maintenance and NRAG members is set for Friday, July 19 at 7:30 a.m. at Vetsch.
 3. The city's Green core member is scheduled to begin at the end of September.
 - E. Dog park status - Pipe is in, fill will be brought in when the water is down. The Eagle Scout brat sale donations were presented to the City Council.

III. New Business

- A. Prairie restoration sign installs and seeding - Five seeding locations are prepped for seeding. These are the remaining sites from the Help Grant. Volunteers needed on July 12, 1:00 pm to broadcast seed.

- B. Discussed memorial planting request from Quail Forever.
- C. Trail sign installs Eagles Bluff Park (Lions Project) - No updates on maps and color coded trail markers
- D. SHIP grant received for \$5,000 for design and replacement of park entrance signs.
- E. Native prairie vegetation establishment and enhancement guidelines - these were sent by Jason and should be reviewed for next meeting.

IV. Next Meeting: Wednesday, August 28 at 3:15 pm

Respectively submitted, Betsy Knowles