

Natural Resource Advisory Group
10.16.2024 Minutes
3:15 pm. City Hall Conference Room

Present: Mary Gegen, Betsy Knowles, Marge Loch-Wouters, Jason Ludwigson, Bill Waller

Guest: Erik Thomsen (Ku-Le Region Forestry)

- I. Minutes from 8/28/2024 - Approved
- II. Old Business
 - A. Review of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant (Forest Habitat Restoration) and update with Erik Thomsen. Discussed all aspects of the project and timing for the work. Work is likely to begin early to mid-November, and mulching will take about a week. Boundaries need to be marked with orange or pink tape, with double marks on corners. Likewise all trees to save should be flagged and a guideline of species to preserve should be provided to Erik. Discussed need for closing entry when targeted application of herbicide is done in the spring and summer.
 - B. Trail Maintenance Guidelines and planning for next year. Discussion of the draft is planned for the next meeting.
 - C. Dog park Status. The dog park is in use. There is still landscaping to complete in the spring, and a dedication will be planned.
 - D. SHIP grant park entrance signs. No update.
 - E. Prairie Restoration signs and seeding. Prairie seeding is close to completion. There will be a showy mix next to the pedestrian bridge. We should consider if signage is adequate. Mary has been collecting seed to supplement the purchased seed.
 - F. Tree Ordinance. This is nearing completion.
- III. New Business
 - A. Introduction of Green Corp member. Mary Gegen will work with the City on storm water and forestry projects through August 2025. In her first month Mary has been working on prairie seeding, signage, and tree steward work. In addition, she has developed a detailed boulevard tree species spreadsheet using information from the Minnesota Local Road Research

Board, and developed a spreadsheet for the Tree Stewards to use to better log pruning activity.

- B. Boulevard Tree Care flier. Mary has designed a door hanger with tree care information for residents that receive a boulevard tree.
- C. Possible future projects for CPL Expedited Funding. Though additional funding is available, the City is currently managing enough projects that future applications may wait.
- D. Other. Identified erosion issues in Stoney and Vetsch that might be appropriate to address through an Eagle Scout project.

IV. Next Meeting: Wednesday, December 4, 3:15 pm

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Knowles