

**Natural Resource Advisory Group**  
**12.04.2024 Minutes**  
**3:15 pm. City Hall Conference Room**

**Present:** Mary Gegen, Betsy Knowles, Marge Loch-Wouters, Jason Ludwigson, Ruth Nissen, Cindy Wright

**Guest:** Steve Hoff

- I. Welcome to Cindy Wright - new member of NRAG
- II. Minutes from 10/16/2024 - Approved
- III. Old Business
  - A. Review of the Conservation Partners Legacy Grant project (Stoney Point Forestry Mowing). Mowing is expected to be completed in December, and the large box elders will be cut this winter. The mowing will open a space for a possible solar array by the well house.
  - B. Trail Maintenance Guidelines and planning for next year. Discussed the draft guidelines. These will be read into the minutes at the next meeting.
  - C. SHIP grant park entrance signs. No update from Parks Committee
  - D. Prairie Restoration signs and seeding by pedestrian bridge. This is completed.
  - E. Tree Ordinance status. Reviewed the approved tree list for the new tree ordinance completed by Mary. Unanimously approved recommending that the City Council rescind the previous tree ordinance and adopt the new revised tree ordinance.  
  
Discussed how to better advertise the boulevard tree application process - including having a table at the farmers market.
- IV. New Business
  - A. Jason has been asked by organizers of the Gravel Nationals race (2025) if there could be a route which includes access to Stoney Point from 7th street.
  - B. Discussed using CPL grant to hire a crew to hand cut and treat invasives - particularly focusing on buckthorn, roundleaf bittersweet and honeysuckle.
- V. Next Meeting: Tuesday, February 18, 3:15 p.m.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Knowles