

Natural Resource Advisory Group

Agenda for March 23, 2023

Present:

Guests: Pat Wilson

- I. Pat Wilson from Friend of the Blufflands - to discuss how the Friends of the Blufflands can help us with invasive species control. In addition he is coordinating with Jason on working with the La Crescent Trail Maintenance Volunteer Group. Pat is happy to discuss other activities "Friends of the Blufflands" are doing including goat prairie maintenance and expansion, creation and maintenance of pollinator prairies, reforestation, and creation of oak savannas. Discussion will follow.

- II. Old Business
 - A. Connections with La Crescent Public Library –
 1. Arbor Day (April 28) focus for a Makerspace Challenge event for school kids ages 7-11. Any planning needed?
 - B. Migratory bird day - confirm May 20 date
 - C. Tree Ordinance – status
 - D. Pollinator Garden Signage in Frank J. Kistler Memorial Park – Location, etc.

 - E. Work Plan

- III. New Business
 - A. Proposed dog park off South 7th Street. discuss the project, removal of trees and impact to plants, flowers, etc.

 - B. Kistler Park Native planting clean up –usually cut residual vegetation late April or early May (last year April 26)

 - C. Garlic Mustard Volunteer Event planning
We discussed a tentative target volunteer date Saturday April 22. No equipment needed as volunteers provide their own gloves. City will provide trash bags.

From Val Green: Garlic mustard disposal - suggests a burn pile, subsequent restoration should be considered.

Betsy has provided a draft news release for the Houston County News and City Newsletter