

Natural Resource Advisory Group

4.20.2023 Minutes

Present: Betsy Knowles, Marge Loch-Wouters, Jim Nissen, Ruth Nissen, Randy Urich

Guests: Doug Stavenau, Greg Watson, Steve Hoff

I. Old Business

A. Garlic Mustard Volunteer Event planning for Saturday April 22.

1. No equipment needed as volunteers provide their own gloves.
2. City will provide trash bags and tarps.
3. Doug Stavenau from the City's Maintenance Department will be present and identify where pulled garlic mustard should be placed.
4. Bring gloves
5. Friday April 21 7 a.m., Ruth, Betsy and Marge will determine pull areas

B. Connections with La Crescent Public Library – Makerspace Challenge event for school kids ages 7-11 update, April 27

1. Randy has delivered the tree cookie... tree germinated in 1929 and historic events are marked
2. Marge is working with Emily to fine tune the program, which will include tree identification in areas by the library.

C. Migratory bird day - May 20

1. Currently this is still a "go"
2. Jim and Ruth will provide information for Betsy and Marge to write an article for the Houston County News

D. Tree Ordinance – postponed to May meeting

II. New Business

A. Proposed dog park off South 7th Street - discuss the project, removal of trees and impact to plants, flowers, etc. - postponed until Bill is available

B. Work Plan update

1. Review draft Trail Maintenance Meeting notes from 4/3/23
2. Discussed how this might be codified.
3. Discussed the need for a guide for how to evaluate any trail maintenance proposal. Betsy will set up a google document/check list into which the committee can propose relevant considerations, particularly as they relate to the Parks plan.

C. Kistler Park Native planting clean up – cutting residual vegetation

1. May 2 8:00 a.m
2. May 6 12:30 pm

D. Forest habitat monitoring - Randy will discuss possible dates with Val

E. Ideas/concerns suggested by guests were noted

Next meeting: Tuesday, May 9 3:45 pm.

Respectfully submitted, Betsy Knowles