



APPROVED

2-4-2014

MINUTES

- 1) **Call the Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by acting chair Jean Schneider.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Members present were Judith Hutchinson (late arrival), Jean Schneider, Barb Bauer, Paula Brandmeier, Monica Smith and Bruce Stravinski. Amy Anderson Schweppe was also in attendance representing Town staff.
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was recited by all.
- 4) **Minutes**
  - a) **November 5, 2013:** Minor corrections were noted to item #9. Monica Smith made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Barb Bauer. The motion passed 5-0.
  - b) **December 3, 2013:** An addition to item #15 was noted to clarify that the monitoring kits would be owned and maintained by the Rock River Coalition. Monica Smith made a motion to approve the corrected minutes. The motion was seconded by Bruce Stravinski. The motion passed 5-0.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Monica made a motion to approve the treasurer's report as presented. The motion was seconded by Paula Brandmeier. The motion passed 5-0.
- 6) **Appearances before the Committee:** Barry Eichinger, President of the Friends of the Yahara River Headwaters, was present to speak about areas of mutual collaboration between his friends group, the Token Creek Conservancy Committee and the Token Creek Watershed Association.
- 7) **Request to Town Board to allow leashed pets in Town Conservancy property:** The committee discussed matters associated with allowing leashed pets in the conservancy. Subjects included: cost for waste receptacles, bags, waste removal, signs, management concerns, and wildlife and habitat disturbing activities. Potential benefits and similar considerations were discussed and include: increased use of the conservancy by the public, surveillance and lowering inappropriate behavior, fulfilling a need for a dog exercise area in Windsor, current presence of dogs in park already and diminishing vandalism. Further discussion occurred around budget considerations. Bruce Stravinski made a motion to recommend to the Town Board that they consider allowing leashed dogs in the Culver Conservancy on a trial basis whereby the TCCC and Town Board would consider sharing the costs, up to a maximum of \$1,000 for the purpose of purchasing waste receptacles, bags, waste removal service and leash law signs. Judith Hutchinson seconded the motion. The motion passed 6-0.

- 8) **DNR Ponds Update:** Plans are moving forward for the pier. Town Engineer, Kevin Richardson is working with a set of plans which he hopes to modify for our site. He is also going to be contacting a pier company for their professional opinion. Paula Brandmeier continues to look at options for aeration, including solar and electrical. Amy Anderson Schweppe was hoping to write a grant for the purchase of the aerator. Possible issues to be resolved yet would be the necessity of clearing the silt buildup on the bottom of the pond. Paula Brandmeier was going to call some companies to get an opinion on the management of the ponds.
- 9) **Big Hill Update:** There was no update.
- 10) **Culver Site Invasive Control Update:** There was no update.
- 11) **Culver Prairie Burn:** There was no update.
- 12) **Workdays:** Judith Hutchinson provided the committee with what was planned for workdays so far and potential contacts. In April, the Boy Scout Troop 333 planned to clear the area by the bridge along Portage Road of invasive woody vegetation.
- 13) **Grant Request Considerations:** Amy Anderson Schweppe discussed some upcoming grant deadlines and what projects might be eligible.
- 14) **Adjournment:** Monica Smith moved to adjourn the meeting which was seconded by Paula Brandmeier. The motion passed 6-0

Minutes prepared by: Amy Anderson Schweppe