



APPROVED

3-31-2014

MINUTES

- 1) **Call the Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order by vice-chair Jean Schneider at 4:05 p.m.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Barb Bauer, Jean Schneider, Monica Smith and Bruce Stravinski were present. Judith Hutchinson and Paula Brandmeier were excused absent.
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was recited by all in attendance.
- 4) **Minutes from February 4, 2014:** The minutes were not available at the meeting. They will be held in abeyance until the next meeting.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Amy Anderson Schweppe provided an accounting of the financials for the Token Creek Conservancy. Monica Smith made a motion to approve the treasurer's report. The motion was seconded by Barb Bauer. The motion passed 4-0.
- 6) **Appearances before the Committee:** There were no appearances.
- 7) **April Token Creek Conservancy Committee meeting date:** Due to a conflict with the April 1, 2014 election, an alternate meeting date was discussed. The next meeting was scheduled for March 31st, 2014 at 4:00 p.m.
- 8) **Pets at Town Conservancy property:** The committee reviewed the issues surrounding allowing dogs in the Token Creek Conservancy. The consensus was that dogs should be allowed at the Elmer and Edna Culver Conservancy site on a trial basis. The expected cost to try dogs at this location was under \$2000 to purchase signs, bags and waste receptacles. Language in the master plan needed to be altered to allow for the trial period and the plan needs to be ratified by the Town Board. The committee discussed contacting property owners nearby to hear their opinion. A letter regarding this request will be mailed to these property owners before the next meeting. The Town Deputies should provide input into the matter as well. No action was taken.
- 9) **DNR Ponds Update and Grant Request:** Amy Anderson Schweppe informed the committee that she had turned in a grant application to the Dane County Environmental Council for a capital equipment grant for the aerators. The maximum funding for the grant would be \$2,500. The proposal from the Bruce company included installation of aeration equipment for both ponds and a compressor with housing (\$5,336.25 + \$425.00), and biological control (\$954.00).
- 10) **Big Hill Update:** Barb Bauer provided an update on the Big Hill. There was a workday planned for May 4th with Love Church.

- 11) **Culver Prairie Burn:** The contract was signed and a burn date will likely be planned for April. No further action was taken.
- 12) **Workdays:** Jean Schneider provided an update on the planned workdays. The Boy Scout Troop 333 will be clearing brush near the Portage Road Bridge. The Love Church will be working at Big Hill and Culver Conservancy on May 4th. Amy Anderson Schweppe noted that the groups should look for and mark Japanese knotweed shoots if they are visible.
- 13) **Adjournment:** Monica Smith made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Stravinski. The motion passed 4-0.

Minutes prepared by: Amy Anderson Schweppe