

MINUTES

- 1) **Call the Meeting to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 4:00 p.m. by Chair Judith Hutchinson.
- 2) **Roll Call:** Judith Hutchinson, Barb Bauer, Jean Schneider, Monica Smith and Bruce Stravinski were in attendance. Amy Anderson Schweppe was present representing staff. Paula Brandmeier was excused.
- 3) **Pledge of Allegiance:** The pledge was recited by all.
- 4) **Minutes from February 4, 2014 & March 4, 2014:** The February 4, 2014 minutes were not available. Monica Smith made a motion to approve the March 4, 2014 minutes. The motion was seconded by Jean Schneider. The motion passed 5-0.
- 5) **Treasurer's Report:** Monica Smith made a motion to approve the Treasurer's Report as presented. The motion was seconded by Barb Bauer. The motion passed 5-0.
- 6) **Appearances before the Committee:** Nancy Sheehan from the Rock River Coalition was present to discuss stream monitoring. See item #7 below.
- 7) **Stream Monitoring Volunteers:** Nancy Sheehan and members of the TCCC discussed training opportunities. Several members were interested in the training, but could not make the scheduled training dates. An alternate date for training will be arranged.
- 8) **Pets at Town Conservancy property:** There were 8 members from the community that attended to speak in favor of allowing pets in the conservancy. There were no residents opposed to the idea. One resident expressed mixed feelings on the matter. The biggest challenge will be the monitoring of the leash requirement and pet waste clean-up.

The committee should look into issues regarding ground nesting wildlife and if dogs would disrupt the habitat. If that were the case, then it would not be in the mission of the Token Creek Conservancy to allow for pets. In addition, the impact on the springs should be discussed with an expert to see if dogs in the springs would have a negative impact on the Conservancy.

- 9) **DNR Ponds Update and Grant Request:** Amy Anderson Schweppe provided an update on the status of the grant requests. The preliminary pier plans have been given to Scot Stewart of the DNR for review. Permitting will need to be coordinated. Scot Stewart did not think any permit would be required for the aeration equipment.

- 10) **Culver Gate Agreement:** The annual security gate agreement with the Mayrs was up for renewal. Jean Schneider made a motion to approve the 2014 gate agreement for \$600. The motion was seconded by Judith Hutchinson. The motion passed 5-0.
- 11) **Big Hill Update:** Barb Bauer provided an update. There will be a volunteer service group planned for the first weekend in May. There were earth day plantings planned for the Big Hill.
- 12) **Maintenance issues and tour date selection:** The committee decided on a tour date of April 29, 2014 at 4:00 pm starting at the Elmer and Edna Culver Conservancy. A list of maintenance priorities would be developed after the tour.
- 13) **Japanese Knotweed Grant:** Amy Anderson Schweppe said that the work groups should monitor the site for new Japanese Knotweed growth. It was too early in the season for cutting. The plan was to re-evaluate the need to cut back in June versus just doing the herbicide treatment in the fall.
- 14) **Culver Site Invasive Control Update:** There was no update.
- 15) **Culver Prairie Burn:** The contract has been approved. The committee discussed a phone tree to alert volunteers about the burn date because it is often a last minute event without the Town being notified with enough advance notice to coordinate the volunteers. Jean Schneider volunteered to coordinate the burn phone list.
- 16) **Workdays:** Judith Hutchinson had a workday planned with a womens group and they were going to do some clearing at the Culver Conservancy. Love Church and Door Creek Church has service group projects planned for the first weekend in May. Barb Bauer and Paula Brandmeier were coordinating those events.
- 17) **Adjournment:** Barb Bauer made a motion to adjourn the meeting. The motion was seconded by Bruce Stravinski. The motion passed 5-0.

Minutes prepared by: Amy Anderson Schweppe

A handwritten signature in cursive script, appearing to read 'A. Anderson Schweppe', written in black ink.