

Before UFC was called to order, Maggie Zoellner, program manager for the Kettle Moraine Land Trust, spoke about her work, what it is, what they do, and issues/matters of land conservation efforts in the Kettle Moraine area. There has been focus on Natureland County Park to restore that parcel of land. Zoellner spoke on different types of agreements for easements with the understanding that each would have public benefit. She answered a variety of questions regarding the program and protection of land. A Mother's Day walk is planned at Rainbow Springs.

City of Whitewater  
Urban Forestry Commission Minutes  
Tuesday, March 24, 2015

Call to order at 5:07 P.M.

Roll Call:

Staff: Andy Beckman

Present: Karen Coburn Karen McCulloch, Anne Zarinnia, Tiiu Gray-Fow, Beverly Stone.

Absent: Sherry Stanek and Brandon Knedler

Citizens present: Kori Oberlie, Richard Helmick, Denay Trykowski

The agenda was approved with an adjustment for the change in order with the speaker presenting her talk before the meeting formally opened. Moved by Zarinnia, seconded by Gray-Fow. Motion was unanimously passed.

Staff report: Andy Beckman

The staff is finishing pruning the NW quadrant. They are removing 6 Ash trees in downtown Main St. and replacing them with large size young trees. There will be 8 enclosures for the entire downtown streetscape. Zarinnia asked about a rainwater channeling system and whether it would work to water downtown trees.

Zarinnia moved to approve the Agenda a 2<sup>nd</sup> time in order to remove the vote on recommended trees for the downtown under staff report. McCulloch seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

Coburn reported on placement of trees in Cravath Lake Park showing the map agreed upon by the Park and Rec Board subject to City Forester and Council approval. The plantings will wait until pier improvements are finished.

Park Tour Planning: Chuck would like to see more trees in Skyline Park. It is currently a playground. Chuck doesn't feel there are enough trees. Airfield restrictions need to be addressed regarding height and placement of trees.

Park tours were then discussed. Coburn suggested we vote on a specific park tour beginning in April. Zarinnia suggested we look at new development and what we can offer for children's playgrounds. Beckman suggested we begin with the area near the Teronomy development. Stone moved to begin review of all parks beginning in April. Gray-Fow seconded. Motion was unanimously passed

Bird City Bird Talk

Coburn passed around the new Chimney Swift brochure. . The committee is aiming for a Cravath Lake Park Swift Tower by the gazebo as 1<sup>st</sup> choice. Zarinnia suggested using bird droppings for fertilizer. She also suggested looking for 2 more sites for the Swifts. Zarinnia moved, McCulloch seconded. Motion was unanimously passed.

Stone reported on the Whitewater Arts Alliance plans regarding the fall competition entitled, "Art Rageous, All About Birds". The judging will be in September. A "Swift Night Out" was discussed that would be held at some time in the fall.

Coburn reported on the seed library. She will be purchasing a refrigerator to help with cold wintering. A program will be given on Apr 16 at 6:30 at the library by Richard Ehrenberg with Teresa and Gerhard Stegman. They will give instructions as how to handle the seeds and save them through the winter.

Website Progress and Considerations: Zarinnia reported on new software for the UFC. It is the same software that Park and Rec uses. She gave members printouts of a tentative menu for the UFC website pages.

No Plan Board Report

No Park and Rec Report

Kori Oberlie reported that the tree inventory for the effigy mounds is in process. She stated that ancient and juvenile oaks need care. An inventory is a good place to begin as there are trees there that don't belong. Kori asked for a copy of the Effigy Mounds Preserve tree inventory.

Coburn stated that Chuck had one. The area was burned to control invasive plants, but for whatever reason, it was an incomplete burn.

Richard Helmick reported on the concept of the Arboretum for Starin Park. Coburn stated she was aware of the project and that we were going to be learning more.

Adjournment: Gray-Fow moved, Zarinnia seconded.  
Unanimous approval was given.

Respectfully submitted,

Karen McCulloch, Acting Secretary