FREP Membership Meeting Minutes 5-11-16

Present: Jeff Mengler, Katie Parkhurst, Nancy Williamson, Rob Linke, Holly Hudson, Maggie Soliz, Karen Miller, Becky Hoag, Ken Krueger, Eva Kiss, Sue Glavan, Kelsey Langeler, Vern Socci, Joanna Colletti, Ben Manson, Russ Farnum.

1) Call to Order at 1:10 PM

2) Approval of Minutes for 1-13-16 Parkhurst moved, Williamson seconded. Approved.


4) Vote at Membership Meeting to approve Megan Andrews for FREP representative to Fox River Study Group. Colletti moved, Soliz seconded. Approved.

5) Mengler explained that dues statements for FY17 will be sent out in June to current members. The FY begins July 1, 2016. We are also seeking out former and new members. He invited those present to provide suggestions about potential members.

6) Additional funding sources – Executive Committee brainstormed about joining forces with Friends of the Fox (FOTF), Fox River Study Group, and Fox Valley Sustainability Network. Most grants are looking for partnerships. Fox Valley Sustainability Network came out of Green Town in Aurora. It grew to include 7 Generations Ahead, and a5 for the marketing arm. There is now a broader steering committee, and it is not just for Kane County. They are now holding quarterly forums. The next one is the evening on June 8. Its purpose to look at and encourage sustainability. Mengler invited suggestions for ways we can collaborate.

7) Update to Integrated Management Plan – The goal is to review the original Plan finalized in 1998. The Executive Committee will continue to work on reviewing and updating the plan at future meetings.

8) 20th Anniversary plans – a new logo is being developed by Nancy Williamson to feature our 20 years as a partnership, and it will be incorporated into our activities.

8) July activity – Executive Committee is still working on setting a location and date for a FREP summer picnic gathering.

9) Old Business – None

11) New Business – Mengler announced that Executive Committee approved resolutions supporting the Watershed-Based Plans for 9 Lakes and Boone-Dutch Creek.

   Hudson announced that there is new information about IEPA 319 Grants and it is posted on their website.

12) Adjournment – Soliz moved, Linke seconded. Approved. 1:30 PM

Program presented about the Woods Creek Watershed Plan.