FREP Executive Committee Meeting   September 20, 2017    11 AM
Batavia City Hall Alderman’s Room

PRESENT:  Andrea Cline, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Maggie Soliz, Nancy Williamson, Rob Linke (late)

1) Call to Order: Maggie called the meeting to order at 11:09.

2) Approval of Minutes: Elizabeth moved to approve the minutes from 5-10-17. Seconded. The minutes were unanimously approved. (Proxy from Jeff, Dan and Karen for Minutes approval.)

3) Treasurer’s Report: Balance in the bank account is $4,523.72.

4) Membership Drive for 2017-18: Becky reported that we are over $1000 short of last year. Jeff is working on personal follow-ups.

5) Water Trail Update: Karen Miller is at a Water Trail Core Development Team meeting today. Look at the next Downstream for an update.

6) Ideas for 2018 Meetings/Noon Networks and Locations: Committee discussed the meeting schedule for 2018: January 10 Membership Meeting Program - Show Me the Money round table, Elgin Centre, Nancy, Maggie, Holly and Andrea to organize. Follow-up with Feb. 14 Noon Network Grant Workshop – presentations on possible grant applications, see about Algonquin Village Hall. March 23 is the Annual Fox River Summit and a watershed group round table was suggested. April 11 Noon Network Wildlife program. Elizabeth suggested Chris Anchor, Nancy get to work on holding it at Max MaGraw. May 9, Membership Meeting Program on Invasive Plants, as suggested by Jeff. June 13 Noon Network by Wild Goose Chase at Fox Valley Park Dist. In Aurora. It was also suggested we hold a meeting with American Public Works Association. And for the funding programs, it would be good to review the new requirement for State 319 Grants that include the Government Accountability Transparency Act (GATA). Andrea offered to write an article for the Downstream explaining this.

7) Film Fest Planning for 2018: Becky is having a call with Ana from One Earth Film Festival on Friday to start the planning for FREP and the other co-sponsors from 2017 to again host a film in Aurora in March.

8) Green Infrastructure Campaign: Subcommittee is still working on this. Maggie estimates the cost is $7,000.

   a) Working with FVSN and Seven Generations Ahead (SGA)

   b) Turned down by Grand Victoria Foundation

   c) Not eligible for Community Foundation of the Fox River Valley (CFFRV), but applying through SGA

   d) Looking into other funding sources such as Dunham Fund

9) Fox River Study Group report from Megan: Megan Andrews was not here but provided a written report.

10) New Business

   a) It’s Our River Day – Algonquin – Saturday, Sept. 16 – Jeff was keynote speaker

   b) Friends of Fox River Paddlewheel Sunset Vision Cruise – Saturday, Sept. 23 – Jeff speaking

11) Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned at 12:49 pm.

Minutes submitted by Andrea Cline, FREP Secretary