

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
Membership Meeting
January 19, 2011
Hawthorne Nature Center, Elgin

Present: Katie Parkhurst, Tim Pollowy, Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller, Karen Miller, Becky Hoag, Kerry Leigh, Nancy Schumm, Paul Bednar, Cathy McGlynn- Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership; Eva Kiss, Sue Glavan, Nathan Sehmer, Jake Hagelow, Doug Willford, Ann Schneck, Fred Maier, Jim Eby, Jim Huchel, Kathy Hardison, Jack Shouba, Kelly O'Brien, Kristin Bilar, Roger Hotham, Michele Martzke, Nick Spittlemeister, Jason Mitler, Candice Jacobs, Dan Lobbes, Geoff Petzel, Mary Zaander, Larry Rakunas,

1) President Pollowy called the meeting to order at 1:06 PM. He welcomed the new members in attendance.

Paul Bednar, gave an introduction to the site.

2) Minutes from November 17, 2010— Karen Miller, made a motion to approve the November 17, 2010 minutes and Larry Rakunas seconded. Voice vote noted all ayes, motion carried.

3) Treasurers report, Membership Drive Update—Jason was not present.

4) Election;

Slate:

Tim Pollowy, President
Kerry Leigh, Vice President
Nancy Schumm, Secretary
Matt Bardol, Treasurer

Vote was oral: all said aye. No nays, slate carried

5) Report from Ecosystem Administrator

-CMAP got to 2040 Local technical assistance program, deadline January 28, 2011 deadline.

-Chicago Retrofit ramp-up program (CR3) – Better Buildings Initiatives

-Connecting Communities – trails, open spaces, parks and nature areas symposium, January 26,

Chicago State University library

6) Committee reports

Government relations committee, Katie Parkhurst reported that the committee goals are to connect to legislators, requesting help from audience. Hoping that new Lt. Governor will

Education committee: Kane County Rain Garden Initiative— Hagen-Moller is finishing up the curriculum and will work with Hoag to complete the educational materials and CD will be ready soon with information for middle school level students. Rain garden monitoring, report is being reviewed currently. 15 monitored gardens are being studied.

7) Fox River Magazine - Preserve the Fox Website Project - preservethefox.org, members are welcome to email thoughts on the Fox River to Becky Hoag for the magazine.

8) CMAP-IEPA 319 Subwatershed Project - all four watershed groups have had a few stakeholder meetings and are actively working towards creating watershed based plans. Hoag has updated the FREP website with information about each watershed group. Silver Creek, Sleepy Hollow Creek, Blackberry Creek, Ferston-Otter Creek, Three others include: Jelkes Creek, Tyler Creek, and Spring Creek. Hagen-Moller mentioned that Jelkes Creek has received a 319 grant and is starting the watershed planning process as well. Miller reported that the Tyler Creek Coalition has meetings and is working on implementing their watershed plan and finding funding options to do the projects. Schumm reported that Spring Creek watershed received their 319 grant to do a watershed plan.

9) Programs for the Year—Please send any program ideas to Hoag. The calendar is very open for meeting topics and noon networks. One idea is to feature a program on recreation, such as fishing or paddling. Feb 16, will be in Wonder Lake, Master Homeowners Association building, the topic is Nippersink Watershed Social Research Study.

New Business/Old Business

Meeting Adjourned—at 1:43 pm.

Program: Northeast Illinois Invasive Plant Partnership and the New Invaders Watch List, Cathy McGlynn, invasive Plant Management Coordinator, Chicago Wilderness, cathy.mcglynn@chicagowilderness.org

Respectfully Submitted,

Nancy Schumm
FREP Secretary