

FREP Executive Committee Minutes 9/14/22, 11am Barbara Belding Lodge at Brewster Creek Forest Preserve

Present: Jeff Mengler, Lucas King, Rob Linke, Jessica Mino, Alyse Olson, Maggie Soliz

1. Call to Order: 11:05
2. Approval of Minutes from 5-11-22 - approved
3. Treasurer's Report - received as printed
4. FREP Annual Membership Drive for 2022-23 - Update/Follow-up (Jeff)
 - a. Ongoing follow-up various entities and peoples
5. FREP Visioning Work (Lucas/Jeff)
 - a. FREP has reached a point that it needs to embark on a process to discern its role, focus and activities going forward. Lucas King has volunteered to lead a visioning process.
 - b. Executive Committee suggestions regarding format and resources:
 - i. Use the 1999 "Integrated Management Plan for the Fox River Watershed in Illinois" (<https://foxriverecosystem.org/pdfs/Plan/PlanOverview12-03.pdf>) as the basis of the visioning work. Sift through the plan for what has been completed, what we're currently working on, what is left undone (that we still want to do), what is left undone (that is no longer relevant), add new items?
 1. Survey to past and present members asking for their insights about what FREP has accomplished on the plan
 - ii. Incorporate the goals/initiatives of the Greenest Region Compact into the conversation.
 - iii. Ask other Fox River organizations and municipalities/governmental orgs: What do you need from us?
 - iv. Resulting questions that need answering:
 1. What is the role of FREP? Collaborative organization? Militant environmentalists <tongue in cheek from Rob>? Gatekeeper to funding? Relationship building? Resource sharing?
 2. What goals and foci will help FREP live into that role?
 - c. Further discussion at November meeting
 - i. Perhaps start future EC meetings a half-hour earlier in order to give more time for visioning work.
 - ii. EC members shared a preference for "little-bit-at-a-time" approach rather than a long retreat format in order to provide time and space for more reflection between pieces.
 6. 2022-23 Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities:
 - a. Saturday, September 17, 2022 *It's our Fox River Day*
 - b. October 12, 2022 Noon Network Salt Smart Cooperative, Jennifer Hammer, TCF Location TBD
 - c. November 9, 2022 EC Meeting/Membership Meeting/Program – TBD
 - i. December 13, 2022 Holiday gathering - Potluck at Rob's place
 - d. January 11, 2023 Membership Meeting/Program – Annual Elections
 - e. February 8, 2023 FREP Noon Network
 - f. March 2023 Fox River Summit, Thursday, March 16, 2023; One Earth Film Festival – Date TBD
 - g. April 12, 2023 FREP Noon Network
 - h. May 10, 2023 FREP Membership Meeting & Program
 - i. June 14, 2023 FREP Noon Network
 - j. July 2023 FREP Annual Picnic
 - k. August 9, 2023 FREP Noon Network
 7. Fabulous Fox! Water Trail
 - a. Formal application to the National Park Service is being submitted before November due date
 - b. Also working on branding/marketing/signage for a unified push to communicate information about the trail to the local community
 8. Subwatershed News
 - a. Indian Creek Plan - Public engagement webpage submittal period extended to September 20!
 - b. Tyler Creek Plan - Process to update plan beginning soon
 9. Old Business
 10. New Business
 - a. Floodplain Awareness Week is coming up (Jessica will send PR to EC)
 11. Adjournment - 12:59 Minutes submitted by Lucas King, FREP Secretary