

## **FREP Membership Meeting Minutes, Wednesday, May 10, 2023 1 PM Oswegoland Park District, South Point Facility**

1) Call to Order 1:10 PM

Present: Jeff Mengler, Rob Linke, Jessica Mino, Alyse Olson, Karen Miller, Becky Hoag, Kat Gerdt, Sue Glavan, Eva Kiss, Elly Flemming, Paul Anderson, Chad Feldotto, Chris Hanley, Brian McQuain, Colleen McCarty, Dr. Jennifer Koop, one other

Introductions around room

2) Approval of Minutes from 1-11-2023 Sue Glavan moved, Elly Flemming seconded, approved

3) Treasurer's Report – Jeff Mengler shared that corrections need to be made, and more information to be gathered after the loss of our longtime treasurer with the death of Elizabeth Hagen-Moeller

4) FREP Visioning Work Update Mengler explained current process.

5) 2023 Meetings/Noon Networks/Activities:

**June 14, 2023 FREP Noon Network - Brewster Creek Forest Preserve** (formerly Camp Tu Endie Wei) Brewster Creek Dam Removal Project – 20 years later.

**July 12, 2023 – 3pm FREP Annual Picnic** - Pingree Grove Forest Preserve, Kane County (reserved)

Program about project there the Hey is overseeing. Plan on potluck with Jeff grilling.

**August 9, 2023 FREP Noon Network** - The Conservation Foundation's tour of new Belrose Farm project. Will be walking tour. Need details on where to meet/park. Just north of Dayton Bluffs and connects with other areas TCF has preserved. Suggest carpooling.

**September 13, 2023 FREP Meeting & Program** - Sarah Voska presenting about engaging young people in ecosystem restoration. Need a location, north, Barrington area.

6) Fabulous Fox! Water Trail update– Karen Ann Miller explained work on trail for about five years. Application to National Park Service in November. Passed on to Sec. of Interior in Feb. Hope to hear by June 3, 2023 – National Trail Day. Currently working on signage for the water trail at access points in all the counties involved (McHenry, Lake, Kane, and Kendall.) Kane County approved \$1.2 million of American Rescue Plan money toward the trail. Will also be receiving other tourism grants for the marketing plan.

7) Subwatershed News

FREP encouraging active plans and watershed groups for all the subwatersheds of the Fox. There is a very active group for the Flint Creek-Spring Creek Watershed Partnership.

8) Old Business - none

9) New Business - none

10) Adjournment - 1:22 pm

FREP Membership Program:

**Alien attack! Studying the impacts of invasive species on local waterways**

Presenter: Dr. Jennifer Koop, NIU Biology Department