

Eagle Nature Trail Committee Minutes

Tuesday, August 18, 2015 5 p.m.

Eagle Municipal Building

Present: Nancy Wilhelm, Jean Weedman, Jon Hoeffaker, and Lynette Neuberg

Called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approved July minutes.

Recap of joint tour with Eagle Historical Society on Aug1.

There were 19 people at the trail including the five of us working. Thank you, Dawn-Marie, Jade and Lynette. Snack handout of popcorn had nature trail stickers saying, "Thanks for popping in at the Eagle Nature Trail". Jean and Elaine Ledrowski of the historical society reviewed turnout and planning. We had good press coverage. We need to rethink the scheduling—a summer Saturday afternoon may not be the best choice. We received \$24.00 in donations.

Recap of National Night Out on Aug. 4

Jean and local resident manned our table. We had quite a few visitors though turnout for the village event was small. We shared some popcorn (left from our tour). We got positive feedback from community members who had visited the trail. Donations were \$33.00.

The Eagle has landed on Aug. 8

Village resident Bill Dingle helped to lift and install the eagle that was carved by village resident and chainsaw artist Bob Younger. Jon H. arranged for this and helped with timber screws and adhesives.

Coming events and activities

Invasives work continues. Targets include Queen Anne's lace, thistle, and small shrubs in the prairie.

P-EHS NHS -Two groups worked on Aug.5 and 17: two more groups are scheduled.

UWM presentation coming in mid-September to recruit UWM students to volunteer at the trail.

Report on drainage issues

We have had three people/businesses come out to diagnose and estimate the work that is needed. No one guarantees a solution and opinions vary on what is needed. No decision.

Other topics:

1. Nancy W. indicated that Alli will put in a paragraph/sentence about the trail in the report that goes to the news media each week. We have to submit a note to her a week ahead.
2. Jon H. suggested getting the benches—one of our fundraisers-- out in the public. Police dept?
3. Bird houses are being monitored by local resident. We have had two clutches of blue birds this season!
4. Jean will follow up on the knife incident with Officer Cunningham.
5. A photo that Jean took at the trail last October of a monarch on frost asters won third place in a Wild Ones photo contest. Good habitat =good photo subject matter!

Finances

The trail committee is financially independent of both the Village of Eagle and the Alice Baker Library. Our funds are achieved through donations from individuals and businesses and grants that we apply for. No transactions this month.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Next meeting: September 15.