

Eagle Nature Trail Committee Minutes

Tuesday, November 17, 2015 5 p.m.
Eagle Municipal Building

Present: Jean Weedman, Jon Hoefakker, and Mary Jenks
Called to order at 5:06 p.m.

Approved October minutes.

Current volunteer activities:

Volunteer hours have exceeded last year's total. Final count will not be available until the end of the year since UWM students still need to finish hours and Tom and Jean plan another short work day before the end of the year.

Waukesha County Community Service volunteer did accomplish his 50 hours before the end of October; he stained the boardwalk (done!) and dug knapweed and Queen Anne's lace at the south end of the trail. He says he will return in the late spring of 2016 to complete 50 more hours. Debateable whether the trail should continue in the program since community service volunteers require a lot of monitoring and preparation by Tom and Jean.

Seed collection event not happening this year.

Paid work in October:

KMLS is scheduled to take out Canadian thistle. Buckthorn removal will continue for a while until it gets cold.

Planning for next year:

Our meeting date will switch to the second Tuesday of the month to avoid conflicts with meeting room scheduling. We will still meet at 5 p.m.

Jon H. suggested that we have flyers put in all mailboxes in Eagle inviting residents to walk the trail. Discussion as to what to do with pathway: Repaving will cost about \$1200 in materials (with donated labor and equipment. To use woodchips instead is problematic since weed seeds and plant diseases can be brought in. We should look into porous concrete.

Some ideas for next year: Connect with the Eagle Lion's Club, offering a tour to members. Same for business association/Chamber of Commerce and Rotary. Plan a joint field trip with Eagleville. Plan a night walk. Create a marketing plan. Hold a crafters marketplace in the spring, using parking lot?

Finances:

Donations: Home Depot donated one gallon of stain needed to complete the boardwalk and bench staining (\$40 value).

Local resident donated photo book as a thank you to Jade for work done. Acknowledgement letter sent. Balance remains the same until bills from Kettle Moraine Land Stewards come in by the end of Nov.

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.

Adjourned at 5:53 p.m.

No December meeting!

January meeting will be scheduled, if needed.