

Eagle Nature Trail Committee Minutes
Tuesday, October 20, 2015 5 p.m.
Eagle Municipal Building

Present: Jean Weedman, Jon Hoefakker, and Mary Jenks
Called to order at 5:03 p.m.

Approved September minutes with corrections.

Final recap of Palmyra-Eagle High School National Honor Society volunteer hours: a total of 22 students x 2 hours each = approx. 44 hrs., plus 21 hrs. by Tom and Jean who monitored and helped along with the students. Total 66 hours. Work included cutting small trees in prairie, cutting sow thistle, staining the boardwalk, giant ragweed removal, and weeding in the prairie. Photo share.

Current volunteer activities:

UWM students: Hope, Chad, and Nash must complete 10 volunteer hours each. On October 10, all three worked for three hours with Chris Mann/Kettle Moraine Land Stewards. Students stacked cut wood, creating wildlife habitat piles in the woods in the north edge of the woods. Chad also came on Oct. 16. He and Tom cut and treated buckthorn in a large area long both sides of the boardwalk. They all hope to get their hours in at the trail before the weather snaps too cold.

Waukesha County Community Service volunteer needs to accomplish 100 hours and plans to do 50 before the end of October and the rest in the late spring of 2016. He has done 39 hours so far, mostly staining the boardwalk and pulling/digging knapweed.

Seed collection event not happening this year.

Paid work in October:

Regarding drainage issues, Jon suggested looking into WE Energies for wood mulch to cover pathways. KMLS started October 16 removing invasives--some box elder trees, Russian mulberry and buckthorn.

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.

Suggestion from Jon H. to have flyers put in all mailboxes in Eagle inviting residents to walk the trail.

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.

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 5:52 p.m.

Next meeting: November 17, 2015