

Eagle Nature Trail Committee Minutes

Tuesday, Sept. 15, 2015 5 p.m.

Eagle Municipal Building

Present: Jean Weedman, Jon Hoefakker, and local resident

Called to order at 5:02 p.m.

Approved August minutes.

Recap of Palmyra-Eagle High School National Honor Society volunteer hours: a total of 22 students x 2 hours each = approx. 44 hrs. Final tally will be made next month.

Invasives work has been targeted: Queen Anne's lace, sow and Canadian thistle, small shrubs in the prairie, giant ragweed, weeding in the newly-planted children's prairie.

Followup on the Garlic Mustard Pull-a-Thon

Eagle Nature Trail received an honorable mention because we have "been the winning team in raising donations" for the last two years. (Newsletter shared.) We pulled 2,010 lbs. of garlic mustard and dames rocket, earning \$1005 for the trail.

Coming events

UWM Presentation – Communities in the Round – Jean and Tom will present information to UWM student volunteers about the Eagle Nature Trail on Sept. 16 and 17. Each UWM student in certain classes must complete 10 volunteer hours. We are aiming for 2-4 volunteers this fall.

Paid work will begin in October. It will include: removing invasives--some box elder trees, Russian mulberry and buckthorn.

Report on drainage issues

No new information. No decision.

Other topics:

1. Selling our benches? Police dept. cannot have a bench sitting out front—no room.
2. Police will do no more about the June 26 incident—no addresses.
3. Brochure has been revised by Jean. It was done in July to get ready for tours. Later, Chase Bank agreed to print about 50 copies for us. Thank you Chase Bank and Mary Swezey.
4. Several monarch butterflies have been released at the trail this summer. Thanks Jean and Dawn-Marie.
5. Jon will contact Carroll College about volunteers.

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. There were two transactions this month. Currently: \$2004.65.

Meeting adjourned at 5:58 p.m.

Next meeting: October 20.