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Minutes of the Ulao Creek Partnership Meeting April 2nd, 2007

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The meeting was called to order at 5:43 p.m. by President Mike Grisar.

In attendance were Karin Manley, Mike Grisar, Lesley Brotkowski, Ed Brotkowski, and Andy Holschbach.

Elections of Officers and Board

Elections were postponed, as there were not enough members present at the meeting to hold the elections.

Membership

The Ulao Creek Partnership would like to increase membership. Old members will be called to re-introduce our group. A dialog with discussion points will be developed, which may be used as a guide while making calls. The list of potential members will be mailed out to current members to be divided for calls. New or renewed memberships will be followed with a thank-you letter, signed by Mike Grisar.

We also discussed distributing the welcome packet to new residents as they move into the watershed. Tim volunteered to draft a mailbox stuffer. Inviting family and friends to Ulao Creek Partnership activities and meetings was also encouraged.

Event Planning

Swamp Hike

The Ulao Swamp hike was a successful event. A small group ventured out into the heart of Ulao Swamp on a sunny March morning to enjoy the scenery and wildlife. We did find a few of the tamarack trees that were planted years near Ulao Parkway. The hike was followed by chili at Tim's house.

Fish Passage & Creek Clean-up

With the results of the Fish Passage Survey conducted by Northern Environmental, the locations of several impediments to Ulao Creek are documented. We discussed a creek clean-up to begin clearing fallen trees that are blocking water flow. It was recommended that we schedule a creek clean-up in the fall, starting at the mouth of Ulao Creek and working our way upstream. Other potential sites for the creek clean-up include Mary Lynn Stables and Neil Maciejewski's farm. Andy Holschbach knows the landowners and would be willing to talk to them about site access. Andy is also willing to contact the Ozaukee Press and Milwaukee Journal to notify them about this event.

A meeting will be held on April 10th to discuss the results of the Fish Passage Survey.

Creek Float

A fall clean-up would open up Ulao Creek for a creek float in the spring of 2008.

Fish Shocking

Mike has been trying to get in contact with Will Wawryzn to schedule a fish shocking event in spring. Mike is still hoping to schedule the fish shocking for April. The fish shocking will provide us with information on northern pike spawning within this system.

Invasive Species Control

A garlic mustard pull day has been scheduled for May 19th at the We Energies Landfill off of Hwy 32 and Tom Latzl's property. Mike will also be inviting the We Energies Environmental Department and will write up an article about this event for the Ulao Creek Newsletter.

Landowner Wetland Tours

Wetland tours are planned for June or July. The first 10 new members will get a personal tour given by Mike Grisar or Lesley Brotkowski. This will be announced in our newsletter.

Barn Dance

The second Ulao Creek Barn Dance will be held in August or September. The Helm Farm is available for this event. The farm is still for sale, but it has not been sold yet. Mike will talk to Marjie about coordinating this event.

Grafton Open Space Committee

Andy Holschbach introduced the Land Conservation Partnership of Ozaukee County (LCPOZ) to the Grafton Open Space Committee. The Paid Development Rights (PDR) vote is going to be held in Washington County on April 3rd. At this point, it looks like the vote could go either way.

The Town of Grafton is currently discussing a corridor concept. They would like to connect natural areas and open spaces of adjacent lands.

Other

Family Farm

The barn at the Family Farm recently burned down. We discussed potential ways to help the Musich family during this difficult time. Ideas discussed included sending flowers, scheduling a work day, and asking Marco and Jane what we could do to help. Mike will call Jane or Marco and see if there is anything that the Partnership can do to help.

Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers Water Quality Monitoring

The Friends of Milwaukee's Rivers (FMR) is offering level I and II water quality monitoring training for citizens within the Milwaukee River Watershed. The Partnership would like to have one or two monitoring kits within the Ulao Creek Watershed. Karin said she may be interested in participating. Jean Stearns and Kelly (a potential new member) may be interested in monitoring also.

Next Meeting Date

Next meeting is scheduled for July 9, 2007 at 5:30 PM.

Meeting adjourned at 6:45 P.M.

Recorded by Lesley Brotkowski