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Minutes of the Ulaao Creek Partnership Meeting October 8th 2007

The meeting was called to order at 5:45 p.m. by President Mike Grisar.

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In attendance were August Hoppe, Tom Latzl, Marjie Tomter, Karin Manley, Mike Grisar, Lesley Brotkowski, Andrew Struck, Debbie Davis, Noel Cutright, and Paul Helms, Meg Matusak, and David Schwengel.

Approval of Minutes

Minutes of the July 9, 2007 meeting were approved by August, second by Tom.

Membership

Discussion took place about the membership drive flyer. Approximately 1200 flyers were placed in mailboxes around the watershed. These efforts brought 5 new memberships to the UCP. New ideas were discussed regarding increasing our success in membership. Booths at the local farmer markets and festivals such as Port Washington Maritime days are possibilities. Distribution of the UCP newsletter to residents within the watershed will also take place. In order to make this manageable, perhaps only a portion of the watershed will be covered in each distribution.

LCPOZ Updates

The Land Conservation Partnership is now focusing its efforts on educating farmers on PDR's. (Purchasing of development rights) A meeting will take place in January with farmers and landowners. A conference will take place in March where farmers, landowners, interested public and government officials will be able to get together and discuss the possibilities. Funding sources for PDR's may be available from state and federal grants. The UCP can help the LCPOZ by volunteering time and money, along with helping to spread the word to landowners within the watershed.

Barn Dance Review Lessons/Successes

The barn dance was a success. The event raised over \$600. A goal of increasing attendance 25% was discussed. The date of next year's barn dance will be moved up to end of August, between the hours of 2-8:00pm. Setting the date for the event earlier will hopefully allow more people to attend. A silent auction will be involved to help raise more funds.

Event Planning

Fish Passage/ Creek Clean UP

An event will be planned this winter for a creek clean up. A report from Northern Environmental documents areas within the creek that have impediments that do not allow water to flow or fish passage. The UCP will target some of these areas for clean up. August Hoppe will talk with Northern Environmental regarding impediments on his family's land, He will create a plan for a possible clean up. Paul Helm mentioned an area within the Colder's property that contains willows that are choking the creek. Colder's may allow the UCP access to the site to remove the willows.

Landowner Assessments

Lesley Brotkowski and Mike Grisar are currently setting up appointments with 6 new members of the UCP for backyard assessments.

Invasive Species Management

Mike Grisar noticed that purple loosestrife plants are being seen in neighborhoods south of Pioneer Road, north of Bonniwell Road and east of I-43. The plants are in scattered populations and hopefully can be removed before it gains a foothold. More public awareness is needed. The UCP may prepare a flyer to send to the neighborhoods to provide information regarding identification, and removal of invasive plants within the watershed.

Fish Survey

Will Wawrzyn of the DNR has expressed interest in another fish survey on the Ulao Creek. Last time this activity was done at the Family Farm. Will mentioned that he might like to do the activity further south on the creek.

Other Business

Noel Cutright made mention of the Tuesday Night Live series of environmental lectures.

These discussions are sponsored by Urban Ecology Center, Riveredge Nature Center and the Riveredge Bird Club. Topics include How to find frogs and snakes, and Milwaukee- A city built upon water. Dates and locations of the Tuesday Night Live series can be found at www.urbanecologycenter.org, or www.riveredge.us.

The Tillman property on the north side of the watershed has recently been sold to VK Development. There is a ditch approximately 600 feet long and 6 feet wide on the property. This ditch drains water from the swamp and has drastically altered the landscape of the Ulao Creek watershed. There is hope that the ditch can be filled at some time in the future.

The next meeting date has been set for January 14th in room 218 at the Ozaukee County Administration Building at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:20 pm.