



P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

## Minutes of the Ulaao Creek Partnership Meeting January 14, 2008

The meeting was called to order at 5:30 p.m. by President Mike Grisar.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mike Grisar  
We Energies

### **VICE-PRESIDENT**

Lesley Brotkowski  
Cedarburg Science

### **SECRETARY**

August Hoppe  
Landowner

### **TREASURER**

Karin Manley  
Landowner

### **BOARD OF DIRECTORS**

Tim Kaul  
Landowner

Dale Buser  
Northern Environmental

Tom Latzl  
Landowner

Andy Holschbach  
Ozaukee County  
Planning, Resources & Land  
Management

David A. Schwengel  
Concerned Citizen

Paul Helms  
Landowner

Andrew Struck  
Ozaukee County  
Planning, Resources & Land  
Management Dept.

Debra Davis  
Concerned Citizen

Marjie Tomter  
Landowner

### **TECHNICAL ADVISORY MEMBERS**

Shawn Graff  
Oz/Wash Land Trust, Inc.

William Wawrzyn  
DNR

Ginny Plumeau  
Cedarburg Science

Bill Niehaus  
Ozaukee County

Noel Cutright  
We Energies

In attendance were, Deb Davis, Karin Manley, Mike Grisar, Lesley Brotkowski, Andy Holschbach, Andrew Struck, Tim Kaul, and three representatives of the Aurora Hospital.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the Oct. 8th, 2007 meeting were approved by Lesley Brotkowski, seconded by Mike Grisar.

### **Aurora Hospital Presentation**

The hospital site is planned for the NW corner of Hwy. 60 and Cty. Hwy. W. just N of the Citgo gas station. The site is a 104 acre area. The development site calls for the hospital to be built upon the lower 66 acres of the site. A 400,000 sq. ft. hospital along with an 80,000 sq. ft. medical office will be constructed. The site will have a series of small retention ponds along the east edge of the property and on the southwest side of the site. Storm water will then move from these private ponds to the large municipally owned pond currently on the site. This will slow down the flow of water and increase water quality. For the property to be developed, a row of trees will need to be removed that bisect the property. A minimal amount soil fill will be needed for the entrance along Hwy. 60. The property will also contain two bridges that span wetlands on the north side of the development. A small area of the site near the bridges will have engineered soil that will allow water infiltration. This water will then move thru a pipe to the retention ponds. A low to medium grade wetland that is .73 acres will be filled. To counter this fill, off site mitigation will take place along with enhancement of other existing wetlands. UCP members recommended a plan for invasive species management, and protection of the wood lot on the NW corner of the property.

### **Lake Michigan Partners-**

Milwaukee River Basin program- We All Live on the Water. The UCP voted to spend \$250 to sponsor a Watershed protector sign. Tim Kaul motioned to approve the purchase and Andrew Struck seconded the motion. It passed on a voice vote. The UCP will be able to install the sign wherever we choose within the watershed. Purchasing a sign will be coherent with our mission statement and build camaraderie with other non profits.

### **Chemical Aquatic Plant Control Permit**

Tim Kaul is interested in using herbicide label for use near water to kill reed canary grass. Herbicide is most likely the best solution to keep the grass from growing over the banks of the creek. Lesley Brotkowski brought a DNR permit to use aquatic pesticides.

### **Ozaukee County Comprehensive Plan**

State statute mandates that the county provides a detailed plan for the county. Municipalities have created their own plans and these will be stitched together to create a cohesive plan that goes thru multiple jurisdictions. Work groups, and

citizen advisory groups were used to rank different programs by priorities. The plan will help create a vision for the long term future of the county.

## **Event Planning**

### Fish Passage/Creek Clean up

Andy Holschbach has identified impediments within the Ulae Creek. Andy has talked to some of the landowners, and will get permission for the partnership to set up a work day in late summer to remove the impediments. Andy Holschbach will plan this event. Tim Kaul and August Hoppe both expressed interest in removing obstructions within their respective properties. August Hoppe will plan a late winter work day for this activity on his land and perhaps adjacent properties.

### Landowner Assessments

Lesley Brotkowski and Mike Grisar are in the process of setting up appointments with new members of the UCP for backyard assessments in the spring time.

### Invasive Species Management

The garlic mustard pull that Mike Grisar executed last year was a success. Many volunteers turned out and much was accomplished. This year Mike Grisar will lead two garlic mustard pulls this year. The garlic pull will occur on two different sites, at different times. Prospective sites include the WE Energy site that was done last year and the family farm.

### Fish Survey

Mike Grisar will talk with Will Wawrzyn about a fish survey this year in the creek. It would be good to do this activity before the impediments are removed from the creek. This will allow for a follow up survey to take place afterwards to record differences. This event may take place with short notice, when water levels are high.

### Barn Dance

Since Marjie Tomter and Paul Helms were not present, this event was not discussed.

## **Other Business**

New Invasive Species Classification-Mike Grisar noted that the DNR is accepting public comment on the proposed increased regulatory power of the DNR to force the removal of prohibited species on private properties. Prohibited species are those that are not yet known to be in the state, or occur in very small areas. Restricted species are invasive but are seen regularly. The DNR will use education as the primary tool to guide land owners. Invasive species will be listed as either prohibited or restricted.

Andrew Struck noted that the Ozaukee County Birding Guide is going thru final draft and should be in print in February.

Mike Grisar noted that the WE Energy power plant in Oak Creek has a nest with great horned owls fighting for territory with peregrine falcons. This is something that has not been observed before and is drawing interest from across the country.

Land Conservation Partnership is having an informative meeting Thursday March 6<sup>th</sup>. Following this will be a Friday forum regarding purchasing of development rights.

There will be a public hearing on the Wednesday Feb. 6<sup>th</sup> at the Grafton Town Hall. This meeting will be a discussion of the Helms Property that is controlled by Heartland Development.

Next meeting date was set for April 7, 2008 in room 218 at the Ozaukee County Administration Building at 5:30pm.

The meeting was adjourned at 8:56 pm.

