



## Minutes of the Ulaao Creek Partnership Meeting July 13th 2009

P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

The meeting was called to order at 5:40 p.m. by Mike Grisar.

### **PRESIDENT**

Mike Grisar  
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Noel Cutright  
We Energies

In attendance were August Hoppe, Mike Grisar, Andy Holschbach, Debbie Davis, Marjie Tomter, Tim Kaul, Noel Cutright, David Schwengel, Lesley Brotkowski, Al O'Leary and Dennis Bauman.

### **Approval of Minutes**

Minutes of the April 6<sup>th</sup>, 2009 meeting were approved by a voice vote.

### **Old Business**

**Water Quality Monitoring-** August Hoppe has been monitoring the quality of the water in the Ulaao Creek. He is monitoring at a position on his family's property. Measurements include water clarity, oxygen saturation percentage, biotic sampling, and stream flow volume. These measurements take place approx. once per month. Another gentleman is doing the same type of measurements at the Gateway development. This information will be shared on the UCP website. [www.ulaocreek.org](http://www.ulaocreek.org).

**Invasive Species Control-** Mike Grisar lead a group of 9 volunteers in garlic mustard control activities. The group started at the Gateway development. Then the group also went to the Mauer property and the Latzl property. Numerous garbage bags filled with garlic mustard were taken out of the sites. It was deemed a success.

**Group Herbicide Purchase-** There was discussion regarding whether the UCP should purchase herbicide to be used by UCP members. No consensus was reached, and further discussion can be brought up at the next UCP meeting.

**Gateway Development-** There has been no news regarding this project. More information should be available at the next UCP meeting.

### **New Business**

**Northland Wetland Mitigation Bank-** Al O'Leary, representing the Northland Mitigation Bank informed the group of the opportunities available for wetland mitigation with his organization. When onsite or local area wetland mitigation is not possible, the Northland Bank can provide the solution by offering wetland credits to compensate for the impacts of those development projects. The bank offers technical wetland restoration design for mitigation projects, and can implement these designs.

**Fish Passage in the Milwaukee River Basin NOAA grant-** Andy Holschbach mentioned that the large grant obtained by the Oz. County Land and Water Management Department will go for removing obstructions within 9 streams in the watershed. 105 barriers have been listed for removal. There is a meeting scheduled for July 28<sup>th</sup> at the County Administration building at 1:30. This meeting is will be for non profit groups to seek and secure volunteer support for this project. One of Andy Holschbach's roles in this grant project will be to contact private land owners with information regarding the project.

**Barn Dance-** Paul Helms will host the barn dance again. The date will be Sept. 19<sup>th</sup> 2009. There will be a potluck luck starting at 12:00pm. The band will plan from 1-3:00pm. There will be a pie auction to raise funds. Mike Grisar will send

a save the date email to people, this email will also request that people give a tentative idea of if they will be able to attend. Marjie Tomter has offered her help in planning this event.

**Other Business**

Noel Cutright spoke about the Forest Beach Migratory Preserve project. This preserve is on the former Squires Golf Course land. The property is 114 acres. The preserve will be managed to create the proper biotic qualities for migratory birds. This will be one of the first such type preserves in WI. It will be interesting to see a golf course change into a wetland migratory bird preserve.

Mike Grisar talked about the Invasive Species Best Management Practices Series. Mike is associated with the development of the Right of way aspect of this series. The plan gives ideas on how to best deal with certain invasive species. The plan will be up for public comment soon.

Mike Grisar also talked about emerald ash borer. Mike has been fielding calls regarding this insect pest. It was agreed that if people feel that they might have EAB on their property that they should contact the DNR DATCP hotline. This number can be found at [www.emeraldashborer.info](http://www.emeraldashborer.info).

The next meeting date will be either Oct. 5<sup>th</sup> or Oct. 12<sup>th</sup> in room 218 at the Ozaukee County Administration building. The time will be 5:30pm.

Meeting adjourned at 7:30pm.