



UlaO Creek Partnership Meeting Minutes September 2, 2010

P. O. Box 994 Port Washington, Wisconsin 53074

The meeting was called to order at 5:33 by August Hoppe.

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August Hoppe
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Noel Cutright
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Shawn Graff
Oz/Wash Land Trust, Inc.

Bill Niehaus
Ozaukee County

Ginny Plumeau
Cedarburg Science

William Wawrzyn
DNR

In attendance were Lesley Brotkowski, Dale Buser, Noel Cutright, Debbie Davis, Shawn Graff, Matt Groppi, Andy Holschbach, August Hoppe, Dave Schwengel, Andrew Struck, Marjie Tomter and Steve Wilkinson.

Approval of Minutes

Dale Buser made a motion, seconded by Marjie Tomter, to approve the April 22, 2010 minutes with a revision in paragraph eight LCP donation to read "projects to educate the Land Preservation Board and the public". Motion carried.

Old Business

Andy Holschbach handed out the Treasurer's report in the absence of Karin Manley. He noted that Peter Hitler owner of Pioneer Storage made a \$250 donation to the UCP.

Goals / Benchmarks for UCP 2010-2011

- Swamp Walk
- Newsletter
- Gateway Project
Tamarack Planting
Plant more trees shade out invasives
Use for demonstration project
- Treasures of Ozaukee
How citizens can make a difference
Fish passage / monitoring 100 slots needed – UCP can help
Water quality habitat restoration – umbrella species monitoring
Membership Outreach

Garlic Mustard-Invasive Species Management

Two dates in the Gateway location May 8^h and 23rd. Three/fourths through the area, the garlic mustard was so overwhelming, it could not be bagged. It was suggested that we use herbicide in the spring and fall to contain it.

Treasures of Ozaukee Event Recap

Was a great success with a total of 774 site visitors. The goal is to get people out and involved in natural areas. There are 18 partners, 106 volunteers, and 80 worked that day. UCP had a display for email signups and there were many interested people.

Water Quality Monitoring on UlaO Creek

August monitored the sites twice in the Spring and expressed a need for more volunteers. Andy Holschbach said he would help coordinate volunteers to be consistent with monitoring and pair students with landowners. Andy discussed steps in monitoring. Steve suggested testing on 3 different sites. August suggested putting data on website.

The UlaO Creek Partnership mission is to form an alliance of concerned citizens, landowners, and public and private organizations to protect and improve the water quality and natural habitats in the UlaO Creek watershed.

UCP Membership Drive/ Social Media Outreach

- Shawn and August will work on a letter and membership renewal letter to send out.
- Possible newsletter articles Fish Passage, Meet the New Game Warden, the Gateway.
- Marjie suggested a Google calendar and link it via Ron Voigt.
- A booth at the County Fair was also talked about.

Fish Passage

Andrew Struck discussed three current projects (1) is the crossing under I-43, (2) the maintenance and re-establishment of a berm at CTHQ, a public works project under the WisDOT. (3) The Stone Ford Crossing by the Highway Department on the Mary Lynn Treis property. It is permitted and ready to go.

Andrew also said that Milwaukee Community Service Corp has 3 log jams completed, 4 pending completion 2-3 weeks. Volunteers are needed.

Other projects discussed:

- Railroad ballasts near Paul Helms north of Hwy 60 need to be hauled offsite. Volunteers are needed, but there is no date designated yet.
- One site – downstream south of Hwy 60 has reed canary. Landowner permission is needed.
- A log jam is elevating the stream through Hwy Q cross veins. Andrew is doing fish survey monitoring and hopes to continue monitoring.
- Dam in Mequon-Thiensville is being worked on. Fish slide is in poor condition and may collapse. The work has been halted to re-strategize. Fishing will re-open mid September.
- Lime Kiln – removal of dam in Grafton slated for October. They have a notice to proceed and should be completed at the end of November.
- Bridge Street is in the design stage. It is a complicated project
- There are 32 ongoing culvert project sites that Ozaukee County Highway Department is working on.

New Business

The Gateway Project Status and Action Plan

Shawn, Mike and August met regarding ownership of the property and the motion to pursue the investigating process. Shawn is working with the developer's attorney.

Shawn, Mike and August met with Kraig Sadownikow to go through things that need to be done. The LCC will meet on September 14th to discuss who the UCP could transfer this to if UCP dissolves. Most of the information we will need should be ready by the next meeting. Andy suggested having a management plan for the property. It was suggested that Cedarburg Science prepare a management or stewardship plan. Lesley can have the management plan by December meeting.

Fall Project

Herbicide Gateway

We would need permission from the landowner. August / Shawn have herbicide packs. A certified applicator would be good. The fee for a permit would be \$20. August and Lesley will lead the project.

Fish Passage

Matt Groppi, DNR Warden, applied for a grant to pull invasives at Trinity Creek Pond October 15th.

Spring Projects

Tree Planting and a Management Plan for Gateway

Discussion regarding size and age of trees to plant. The smaller ones are cheaper, but taller and older trees would shade out the invasives. The possibility of the establishing a nursery in the Gateway was also discussed.

August made a motion, seconded by Shawn, to have Cedarburg Science prepare a Management Plan for the Gateway, pending securing funding from the landowner. Motion carried.

Riveredge Sturgeon Release Event Oct. 2nd (UCP Booth)

Andy made a motion, seconded by Andrew, to have a UCP booth at the Riveredge Sturgeon Release Event and administered by Cedarburg Science. Motion carried.

Other Business

The next meeting date will be Thursday, November 11, 2010 at 5:30 p.m.

At 7:03 p.m. a motion to adjourn was made by August, seconded by Andy. Motion carried.

Respectfully submitted by
Debra Davis, UCP Secretary