

Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust
January 14th, 2013 Meeting Minutes
New Richmond High School

Prior to the regular meeting, members of the Board of Directors along with Aleisha Miller and Cheryl Clemens, met to review document filing protocols and compile pertinent Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust documents and correspondence that pertained to the Trust and their holdings. Cheryl provided a checklist of important documents to be archived.

The regular November meeting was called to order at 5:15 pm by President Beth Wood.

Present were: Beth Wood, Paul Mayer, Mike Reiter, Dan Davison, Mike Kelly, Trish Moberg, Shawn Schottler and Consultants Cheryl Clemens and Aleisha Miller.

The Treasurer's report was approved as presented. Dan provided a detailed handout of financial transactions. The Secretary's report was approved as circulated via e-mail.

1. Mike Kelly introduced our newest Board Member Paul Mayer. Shawn provided information on a potential new Board Member Rita Lawson. A motion was made and approved to appoint Rita as our 10th Board Member to a three year term.
2. Cheryl presented a draft of the SPLPT's PowerPoint presentation. It was very well received. Photos are needed to finalize the product with slight modifications suggested. Cheryl will also provide speaking points to fortify the presentation.
3. Cheryl will provide volunteer hour documentation record sheets to track all the volunteer hours contributed by the SPLPT's members. This documentation is extremely important for matching grant funding.
4. The 2013 SPLPT's lecture series is considering a speaker to present on Water Quality issues.
5. There will be a meeting on January 17th at the Somerset Town Hall that will address the Apple River Partners Plan Status sponsored by the St Croix River Association. Valerie will represent the SPLPT at this meeting.
6. Mike Kelly provided an update on various properties. The South Cedar Bay property has had some access infringement issues which will be addressed.
7. Beth noted that all documents are in hand and in-order with regard to the South Cedar Bay Landing. Copies of this documentation have been sent electronically to Board Members.
8. Trish noted that the New Richmond High School Service Day is scheduled for Friday, May 17th. Class groups are available for projects with the SPLPT indicating potential activities for the South Cedar Bay Landing and McMurtrie Preserve to utilize these groups.
9. The Eagle River Scout District, St Croix Wetland Management District and the Friends of the St Croix Wetland Management District are seeking permission to use the McMurtrie Preserve site again for Scout educational activities and camping on the weekend of October 18th – 20th. This is the fourth year of the "Conservation Day on a WPA" outing and last year over 100 scouts and scout

- leaders took advantage of the McMurtrie Preserve's excellent facilities. This request was granted.
10. There was a lengthy discussion on the Stillwater Bridge mitigation funds that could be available soon. More information will be forthcoming to help define when and where these funds might be available. It would be important for the SPLPT to identify prime parcels of land in the area that might be impacted by these funds.
 11. Paul offered to explore the option with the New Richmond Area Community Foundation to store the SPLPT's records at their office at the Community Commons.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, March 11th, 2013 at the New Richmond High School starting at 5 pm.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:30 pm.

Respectfully submitted: Mike Reiter, Secretary