

Star Prairie Land Preservation Trust
May 9th, 2013 Meeting Minutes
New Richmond High School

The May meeting of the SPLPT was called to order at 5:10 pm by President Beth Wood.

Present were: Beth Wood, Mike Reiter, Mike Kelly, Val Hogan, Judy Remington, Shawn Schottler, Trish Moberg and Consultants Cheryl Clemens.

The Treasurer's report was tabled while the Secretary's report was approved as circulated via e-mail.

1. Cheryl needs a few member photos to complete the full board representation for the formal SPLPT's Presentation. When finalized it can be used as an introduction to who the trust is and what the trust does in a formal format. Cheryl will send out a draft pdf file for comments.
2. The 2013 SPLPT's lecture series "River Talk" is taking shape. Three sessions are being considered. The first will be general, educational with potential monitoring considered. The second will highlight shoreline ordinances and good practices and the final will focus on easement considerations. This fall the talks should be ready to go.
3. Our annual meeting is scheduled for July 22nd with Carrol Henderson agreeing to be our guest speaker. Carrol is the co-author of "Lakescaping for Wildlife and Water Quality" and has a background in ecology and wildlife management and botany. We will provide PR closer to the date. The presentation is set for 6:00 pm at the NR High School with a short meeting of the SPLPT to be held at 5:00 pm. Board member elections will be also held at this time. We may also present a shortened version of our SPLPT's presentation at this meeting.
4. A spring newsletter will be ready to send out by the end of June.
5. The New Richmond High School Service Day is scheduled for May 17th. Class groups have been scheduled for work at the McMurtrie Preserve. The cabin will be opened up and brush in the oak savannah areas will be cut and removed to make way for an herbicide treatment and reseeded. General clean-up will also be performed.
6. "The Greater Scout Scavenger Hunt" will be held at the McMurtrie Preserve on June 29th. Approximately 150 Cub Scouts and 50 adults will attend this event. It will be a "Leave No Trace Event" other than memories, excitement and laughter!
7. The full legal description and documentation has been compiled by Judy for the South Cedar Bay Landing. An affidavit of Correction may need to be filed with the drafter's signature. Legal requirements will soon be in order.
8. A possible state pheasant stamp grant application has been submitted for oak savannah restoration on McMurtrie Preserve. This will be a collaborative effort with the SPLPT, SPF&GA, USF&WS and a local business. Shawn has offered to provide seed for the project. The project will be completed if the grant is not successful.

9. Val provided a very informative presentation of our website development plans with two options shown. A lengthy discussion ensued. The potential website layout will be modified with suggested changes. Val's husband Tom has been very instrumental in designing the site.
10. Judy updated the group on our membership activities over the last year. A handout was provided.

The next meeting will be scheduled for Monday, July 22nd, 2013 at the New Richmond High School starting at 5:00 pm. The annual meeting and presentation by Carrol Henderson will follow at 6:00 pm.

With no further business the meeting was adjourned at 6:40 pm.

Respectfully submitted:
Mike Reiter, Secretary