

Fox River Ecosystem Partnership
Membership Meeting
Wednesday, March 17, 2010
Barrington Hills Village Hall

Present: Katie Parkhurst, Holly Hudson, Tim Pollowy, Jeff Mengler, Deanna Doohaluk, Cindy Skrukud, Janet Agnoletti, Tim Loftus, Cathy Pollack, Jennifer Hammer, and Patsy Mortimer.

President Pollowy called the meeting to order at 1:10 PM.

Minutes from January 20, 2010—Doohaluk made a motion to approve the January 20, 2010 minutes and Mengler seconded. Voice vote noted all ayes, motion carried.

Treasurer's Report—Pollowy reported that no treasurer's report was provided.

Ecosystem Administrator—Pollowy stated that no report was provided.

Conversations about Conservation with our Legislators—Mengler reported the Government Relations Committee has decided to postpone the March event due to difficulty in scheduling. The Committee is planning a September Conversations in the northern part of the watershed. FREP will co-sponsor with the Fox Waterway Agency. More details will be provided as the time gets closer.

EPA 319 Grants—Hudson and Doohaluk reported that the water resources committee has received interest in grant assistance from several groups. Deadline for the committee to provide assistance is May 15th. The committee will be meeting to review the grant applications and meet with the applicants in early June. Highest priorities for these grants are watershed plans and full scale implementation projects.

Riverboat Grant, Kane County Rain Garden Initiative—Pollowy announced the April 21st noon network is still being planned to view the rain garden. FREP will participate in Aurora's Summer Solstice Celebration on June 12 by having a booth and Pollowy giving a presentation on rain gardens.

Bylaws—Pollowy stated Linke is working on changes to the bylaws.

Gravel Mining—Parkhurst explained that Kane County Forest Preserve is considering mining within Forest Preserve sites. This would generate income for the Forest Preserve and create a recreational lake for use once the mining is complete. FREP was contacted by David Poweleit asking for FREP to be involved. At this time there are no formal plans in place or any public meetings scheduled. Parkhurst volunteered to participate in meetings and keep FREP informed as this idea moves forward. There could be concerns with lake water quality and sensitive fens.

May Meeting—Pollowy suggested a working meeting in May to focus FREP's activities for the next year. A location still needs to be determined.

New Business/Old Business—An announcement was made that Citizens for Conservation are having a plant sale, order forms are on their website. There was discussion about a dam failure and the correct procedure for reporting. FREP is looking into the State Wildlife Action Plan and grants; however, FREP will not be applying for the current round of grants. Discussion covered removal of debris in streams and when a permit is necessary and when a permit is not necessary.

Adjourned—at 1:35 pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Katie Parkhurst
FREP Secretary

Program: Volunteers and Pollinators of the Eastern Prairie Fringed Orchid by Cathy Pollack, US Fish and Wildlife Service