

Urban Forestry Minutes, August 25, 2015

Meeting called to order: 4:37 PM

Roll call: Present: Anne Zarinnia, Karen Coburn, Karen McCulloch,
Jerry Schoen
Absent: Beverly Stone, Brandon Knedler, Teri Smith
Staff: Chuck Nass
Visitors: Marianne Scott, Kenneth Kienbaum

Approval of Agenda: Zarinnia moved to approve, McCulloch 2nd,
Unanimous approval.

Minutes from July 28, 2015 not voted on.

Staff report: Trees in SE quadrant will be up for planting. Visitor, Ken Kienbaum raised concern about the appropriate choice of trees for the downtown. He wondered about room for roots especially. Nass assured him that they were correctly chosen.

Park planning: Coburn opened discussion. Consideration of educational plantings at Clay Street Nature Park. She was grateful that the Black Walnut tree was saved. Asked that the board think of possibilities for native plantings to support birds. A butterfly garden might be considered. Marianne Scott would like to be informed about progress. Also, bringing nearby residents into the discussion was mentioned. Agreed by all.

Bird City/Bird Talk: We have \$1,100 in gifts toward the building of the tower. Nass and Coburn will meet to discuss the position of the tower at Cravath Lake Park. Coburn would like to put up an informational display of our Bird of the Year, the Chimney Swift, at the Artrageous Bird Show at the Whitewater Arts Alliance Show in September. McCulloch move to do so, Zarinnia 2nd, passed unanimously. Zarinnia and Coburn reported on the “near” Chimney Swift release in the downtown. Juvenile Swifts were brought in from the shelter in Waukesha to join the flock that uses a downtown chimney for roosting. It failed due to music being played loudly at the park obscuring the twittering of Swifts flying overhead. Not hearing that sound, the juveniles wouldn’t know where to go. Schoen and McCulloch agreed to get together after Sept. 12 to arrange putting up the

bluebird houses at the high school. Coburn and Stanek will man the UFC tables at the downtown celebration. They will offer bird centered art activities for children and informational brochures. Coburn reported that she had notified Mariette Nowak about restocking native seeds for our library.

Park Board report: Stanek was absent.

Parks and Recreation: Knedler was absent

Possible programs for future meetings: Coburn asked Nass for possible talk on native trees.

No park visit.

No adjournment process due to loss of quorum

Next meeting: September 22, 2015

Respectfully submitted, Karen McCulloch, Acting Secretary