

LAWRENCE NATURE CENTER COMMITTEE

Minutes of September 14, 2009 Meeting

Attendance: Lisa Ilaria, Anne Demairas, Rick Dutko , Carol Nicholas, Dave Bosted

Guests: Nick Bosted, Colm Humphreys.

Deck: After much discussion without the drawings in front of us, we decided to hold off a decision until a future date. The large cement footings bother many people. Steve Groeger relayed that the tree does not need to be cut down with this plan. Several people would like to keep it simple and add picnic tables only, no deck.

Boardwalks: Nick would like to build boardwalks for the path from Eldridge Park to Drexel Ave. Money is left over from other grants and can be used for that. Committee will speak with Steve first and get back to the boys. Nick and Colm volunteered to clean the white chairs, and possibly paint them for community service.

Summer Camp: Camp was a great success, and we hope the Master Gardeners will operate a program next summer for 4 weeks. Carol spoke with Chad today, and he would like to organize a spring Garden/Nature program.

Community Day: We will have a table at Community Day October 4th. Will do a composting display 12:30-4.

Princeton South Walk: Anne is organizing a "walk" October 18th off of Princess Road. More info to follow.

October Program: We would like to offer a campfire/story telling night October 24th. Nick and Colm volunteered to help man the fire. Carol will call Mike to see if he would like to organize the stories.

Saturday Morning Birding Program: Rick would like to organize a Saturday morning birding program starting Dec/January. More information to come. Lisa would like to see more programs for adults on a regular basis.

Meeting Date Survey: Attendance is going down, and some people feel there are many meetings on the first Monday of the month. We will send out a survey for best dates A) 2nd Tuesday of month B) 2nd Wednesday of Month C) No change- keep 1st Monday.

Earth Day Survey: Carol and Steve sent out surveys to participants. Only one completed. Rick thinks more have been sent in. Carol will follow up with Donna, and call participants.

Bylaws:

We would like to have a more defined Board of Directors and are seeking people to volunteer for President, Vice-President, Secretary, Treasurer.

We will also need committees for Communications, Membership, Programs, Conservation, Field Trips, Education, to name a few.

Please let Carol know if there is a position you are interested in. We will be a stronger organization with your support!

We would like to dedicate the next meeting to planning the bylaws.