

# Lawrence Nature Center

## Minutes February 24, 2010

Attendance: Tahiria Smith, Steve Groeger, Dave Bosted, Lisa Ilaria, Madeline Price, Anne Demairis, John Gaston, Teresita Heron, Rick Dutko, Carol Nicholas  
Guests: Evan Halliday, Mike Grzankowski, Mrs. Halliday

### New Business:

- Tahiria announced that Homefront, Sustainable Lawrence and GEPA will be meeting at the Nature Center tomorrow from 2:30-4:30 to discuss possible community collaborations. All are welcome to attend.
- Tahiria reminded people of the Green Expo sponsored by Sustainable Lawrence at MCCC March 20, 10 am -4 pm.
- "Build a Rain Barrel Workshop" is March 25th 6:30-8:30 pm at the Lawrence Community Center. Contact Angela Adams 883-9500 ext. 246 to register. Fee is \$45.
- Life Scout Evan Halliday discussed doing an Eagle project at the LNC. The committee presented options and he chose to build shelving for a library at the nature center. He will draw up plans to present them at the next meeting.
- Teresita reminded everyone that March 27 is "Earth Hour" and to turn off all lights at 8:30 pm for one hour .

### Old Business:

- Anne reports summer programs is coming along. There are 5 slots left to fill. Call her if you have any ideas for a family program or would like to present.
- Teresita is working with Dave Bosted to revise the draft of the by-laws. He will streamline and create a summary to circulate to board members in the near future. The pros and cons of becoming a 501-(c) 3 were discussed.
- The invitations to participants for Earth Day went out early February. Contact Carol if you have any other people/groups who would like to have a table or present a program. Carol will follow up with the band and the Wildlife Center this week to see if they are available that day. The garage and property need to be cleaned up in time for Earth Day. April 10th was picked as a work day and April 17th will be the rain date.
- Rick and LNC volunteers met with township officials February 1st to discuss the budget and future projects. Outdoor improvements ie. parking, lighting, driveway, will have to be on hold this year. The native species garden was approved and can move forward this spring. Rick would like to get mulch on the grass near the house in preparation for the end of May/early June planting, but the snowfalls keep preventing progress. Care and maintenance of the gardens was discussed, and in the future, new scout gardens will have to have a long term care plan included. Teresita is interested in helping to maintain the butterfly garden.
- The deck was discussed. All of the suggestions from the last design were incorporated to come up with a new design. Carol will discuss it with the architect and Steve did not feel that a permit would be a problem. This way the plan will be in place for the next scout who wants to do an Eagle project.
- The placement of the new projector was discussed and there was agreement about placement of the screen and projector installation location in the main room.
- "S.A.V.E." did a wonderful job removing invasive species last week -see website for pictures. They would like to work another day in March. Thank you, SAVE and Madeline for organizing it.
- The large branches that fell in the last storm need to be cut smaller in able to remove. Carol will email Mike to see if his scouts can help out.

### Mark Your Calendar

- February 25<sup>TH</sup> (2:30-4:30) -Joint meeting Sustainable Lawrence, HomeFront, GEPA at Lawrence Nature Center
- March 20<sup>TH</sup> -Green Expo at Mercer Community College
- March 25<sup>TH</sup> (6:30-8:30) -Build a Rain Barrel Workshop at Lawrence Community Center
- March 29-April 2 -Watershed Day Camp at Lawrence Nature Center
- April 10<sup>TH</sup> -Clean up day at the Lawrence Nature Center
- April 17<sup>TH</sup> -Rain date cleanup day at the Lawrence Nature Center
- April 24<sup>TH</sup> -Earth Day at the Lawrence Nature Center
- May 24<sup>TH</sup> -Hike the Sourlands -lead by Rick Dutko
- May/Early June(TBA) -Plant native species garden front of the nature center