

Nature Center Minutes

9/15/10

Attendance: Linda, Anne, Teresita, Rick, John, Madeline, Sue Lisa, Steve, and new neighbor Alan Remde.
Guests: Life Scout Garrett Falk, Mr. Falk, Brian Friedlich

Scout Projects:

- Garrett Falk would like to build a fence around the butterfly garden. He will present a budget and plan with drawings and ideas to the committee for approval this fall; fund raise this winter and build in the spring. The FLNC may help to fund some of the project.
- Rick updated the committee on the current 4 scout projects. No news on Nick's bee hive fence project. Ben Campos will be working on a bird feeder station. Allan Takasugi has submitted his proposal for the boardwalk project. Elliot Nagele mulched a trail.

Rain Garden Project:

- Brian Friedlich from Sustainable Lawrence Green Team presented the proposed site, drawings, plant list, funding for the rain garden. He has a meeting with the Township September 28th to discuss when digging can start. He hopes to plant in October. Volunteers will be needed at that point to help.

Bylaws:

- Anne suggested to add the President or "delegate" will chair the meeting.
- Any other suggestions must be submitted by the next meeting October 13th and the final draft will be sent to a lawyer for review.

Upcoming Events and Program Ideas:

- We will have a booth at Community Day October 3rd 12:30-4 p.m.. Carol and Sue will man the table, and would love company if you are available.
- Teresita is organizing a Music Festival October 23 rd 2-5 p.m.. She has 5 groups booked, and hopes to have a local restaurant offer food for sale. She will contact the Township for a Gathering Permit. She will let people know what help she needs soon.
- Rick will lead a bat program at the end of October. He will check the availability of the center with Steve and post the date very soon. Teresita will do the publicity.
- Pepper emailed interest in doing an Open House this fall. Linda offered to have her scouts work with Pepper on this and will get back to the committee with ideas and dates.
- Sue would like to organize a Changing Seasons workshop to explore all the changes. We discussed combining it with other events or as a stand alone event. No decision or date was made.
- Linda offered to do a Saturday afternoon Story Telling and Nature Craft in November around the 13th or 20th. She will get back to the committee.
- Teresita would like to organize a Wreath Building workshop on December 4th, 10-12. She will provide the supplies using many natural products from the woods.
- Teresita would like to organize a Trim a Tree for Wildlife workshop on December 11, from 2-3 p.m..
- Sue and Fred Herrmann offered to do a Music and Nature program in the new year.
- Anne would like to have a drumming night, and it was suggested to combine it with the winter solstice. No decision was made.

Don't forget to recycle hazardous waste at the Dempster Center in Lawrence October 9, 8-2 p.m..
The Electronic Waste collection is at the Sun Arena on November 6th, 9-2pm.
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