

FYRH Working Meeting Notes
Tuesday, September 20, 7:30 AM
DeForest Public Service Building's Conference Room

1. Meeting was called to order at 7:40 AM. Doug Porter, John Ackley and Joleen Stinson were present.
2. Appearances before the Committee – NONE
3. Treasurer's report – NONE
4. Secretary's report
5. Minutes of the August 16, 2016 board meetings – Hold until next meeting, no quorum.
6. Yahara Riverfest – REVIEW
 - a. Overall, the event was wonderful! It was great to have Jim and John at the park setting up and running those activities all day. It was also wonderful to have Gary and the Yahara Fishing Club members leading the fishing clinic!
 - b. Doug will recommend a slight fishing clinic time change to the Riverfest planning committee. His hopes to increase time between the clinic and the rubber duck race and push back the clinic start time.
 - c. The magnetic fishing pool took a lot of time to keep the poles untangled. John suggested purchasing new kid pools, magnetic ends and new poles.
7. River Clean-up – Saturday, October 8th, UPDATE
 - a. See list for details on specific tasks. Joleen will ask the Village to be 1 of the 4 shirt sponsors.
8. Lakes and Watershed Commission Meeting – November 10 5:30 PM in the Library, Lower Level room D
 - a. Discussion topics could include:
 - i. Give a brief overview of recent accomplishments, using existing photo slideshow
 - ii. Ask for help increasing membership
 - iii. Ask for help in grant notifications
 - iv. "Little Lake Mendota" lake association/friends group overview and see if the commission has any guidance
 - v. Former Bollig farm property – how the FYRH can help the County to guide priorities, development, etc...
9. Yahara River Streambank Stabilization Plans and Timeline – UPDATE
 - a. DNR permits have been submitted but are not approved yet. Cardno has requested quotes from 4 contractors. Tentative construction mid-October, depending on permit approval.
10. Storage Building (moving to Dane County property) – UPDATE
 - a. Gary has done a great job so far setting up fishing equipment and waders storage. He and Doug moved the big items – kayaks and canoes. Doug suggested large plastic tote buckets for paperwork to prevent mice damage. John offered to help move remaining items on Mondays (his day off). Doug and John will take care of some things right away after this meeting.
 - b. Has Jim provided notification to the current storage company that we will be done at the end of the month?
11. 2017 Town Planner Discussion (Dates for 2017 events)
 - a. Stick with the same weekend for the River Clean-up – Saturday, October 7, 2017
 - b. Joleen will reach out to Gary re: his thoughts for fishing clinic date(s)
 - c. Deadline to submit activities is the end of September.

12. Fishing Equipment Discussion
 - a. We need to check and clean-up poles. Some either need to be fixed or thrown away depending on their condition. We may need to purchase new ones for the kid pool game.
13. Innovation Drive Bridge Discussion
 - a. The Village has submitted an application for bridge connection to extend Innovation Drive between the Conservancy Place neighborhood to CTH V. Doug asked if the Friends wanted to go the site review meeting to take place in the next week. After some discussion, the board members present recommend that the Friends do not take an official stance on the bridge project. If other board members want to address it, they should initiate further discussion at the board level.
14. Public Relations
15. Lakes of DeForest – Clean the Lake date this Saturday, September 24. The Friends will lend 6 pairs of waders. Joleen will share liability waiver verbiage with John.
16. The watershed network has put together a doodle poll to help select the date for their December networking meeting. John expressed interest in attending. Joleen will re-forward the email from Susan Sanford re: selecting the date.
17. Any Other Business
 - a. Joleen gave Shaun's recognition plaque to Doug to present to Shaun.
 - b. Shaun gave Doug his old FYRH files and the two GPS units. They will be put in a plastic tote in the storage shed. Jim will need to update the asset list for those two items.
18. Adjourn at 8:45 AM
19. Next meeting Tuesday October 18 at 7:30 am
20. Topics for future meetings:
 - a. Woody Debris Removal (Interstate to STH 19)
 - b. Membership