



**University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Monday February 27, 2017
9:00-10:30AM
Union South, Landmark Room
APPROVED Minutes**

Present

Janet Batzli, Gary Brown, David Drake, Sara Hotchkiss, Rhonda James, Kendl Kobbervig, Peter Fisher, Donna Paulnock, Glen Stanosz, Alan Turnquist, Mattie Urrutia

Also Present

Kris Ackerbauer (FP&M Physical Plant), Kennedy Gilchrist (Friends), Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Roma Lenehan (Friends), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Suzy Will-Wolf (Friends), Levi Wood, Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from December 5, 2016 was made by Stanosz and seconded by Drake. The motion was approved unanimously.

Staff Reports

1. Director Report

See Preserve Staff Reports – February 27, 2017

The January 24, 2017 Preserve Stakeholder Meeting notes were provided and are also available in the Digital Library on Preserve website.

2. Program Manager Report (Laura Wyatt)

See Preserve Staff Reports – February 27, 2017

3. Capital Projects Report (Rhonda James)

See Preserve Staff Reports – February 27, 2017

4. Field Activities Report (Adam Gundlach)

See Preserve Staff Reports – February 27, 2017

5. Volunteers and Outreach Report (Bryn Scriver)

See Preserve Staff Reports – February 27, 2017

Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Peter Fisher)

See Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report – February 27, 2017

Review of 2017 Draft Work Plan and Budget

Brown and Wyatt highlighted changes in the work plan and budget from 2016 to 2017.

Batzli asked about the “gateway sign” at Raymer’s Cove. James said a 2 ft. x 2 ft. sign that says “Raymer’s Cove” will be erected along Lake Mendota Drive to help Preserve visitors and first responders find the parking lot.

A motion to approve the 2017 Work Plan, the 2017 Operating Budget and the 2017 Capital Budget was moved by Stanosz and seconded by Drake. The motion carried unanimously.

Hotchkiss applauded the group for being able to operate the Preserve on a slim budget.

Brown thanked Kris Ackerbauer for the \$60,000 in kind donation from UW Physical Plant Grounds.

Teaching and Learning Symposium, Wednesday, May 17 Union South (Janet Batzli)

The 2017 Teaching and Learning Symposium is an event that draws 400-500 faculty and staff from across campus to share ideas about student learning, collaborate with colleagues, and expand networks. Batzli is working with fellow planning committee member, Margaret Nellis and Laura Wyatt to spotlight teaching in the Preserve and inspire educators. A tour on the 1st day of the event will highlight how some instructors use the Preserve for teaching including, Sissel Schroeder, Adrian Treves, and Janet Batzli, who welcomes ideas and suggestions.

2016 Research Permit Report-Acoustic Bat Monitoring in the Lakeshore Nature Preserve (Kennedy Gilchrist and Levi Wood)

The Wisconsin citizen-based acoustic bat monitoring project is administered by the Wisconsin Department of Natural Resources (WIDNR). Kennedy Gilchrist and Levi Wood conducted two surveys per month last summer in the Preserve to record acoustic bat data using monitoring equipment provided by the WIDNR. The first survey route starts and ends at the entrance to Picnic Point and includes the main Picnic Point path to the Narrows, the north shore of the Point, to Biocore Prairie, past the Eagle Heights Community Gardens, and Bill's Woods. The second survey route covers the Class of 1918 Marsh and a portion of the Howard Temin Lakeshore Path. Their results have detected Little brown bats, Big brown bats, and Eastern red bats in the Preserve. They invite others to join them in the 2017 survey season—contact Kennedy Gilchrist at kennedy.gilchrist@wisc.edu if you are interested.

Announcements:

Stanosz noted that the silviculture class found Tree of Heaven (*Ailanthus altissima*) in the Preserve while doing winter twig identification. Autumn Sabo knows the exact location.

Wyatt reminded the Committee that we like to know if classes are utilizing the Preserve so that we can share that information as part of our story to administration and to assure coordination with other university class and research projects in the area.

Paulnock suggested that the UW Arboretum and the Preserve do a combined outreach campaign at the beginning of each semester to remind instructors to get a permit and remind them why we need this for documentation and coordination purposes.

Wyatt led a discussion about permit information that would be useful and appropriate to include on the Preserve website. She noted that the Preserve staff plan to feature some of the special projects that take place in the Preserve, including: Jonathan Pauli—Survival and Habitat Use of Eastern Gray Squirrels, David Drake—UW Urban Canid Project, Janet Batzli—Biocore, Mark Kenoyer—Anthropology kilns on the current website.

Adjournment

A motion was made by Drake and seconded by Batzli to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Outreach Specialist