



University of Wisconsin-Madison
Lakeshore Nature Preserve Committee
Wednesday September 26, 2018
11:30-1:00pm
Union South, Wisconsin Idea Room
APPROVED Minutes

Present

Janet Batzli, Jacqueline Beaulieu, Sara Hotchkiss, Glen Stanosz, Joe Webb, Dru Larson

Also Present

Adam Gundlach (Preserve), Rhonda James (Campus Planning and Landscape Architecture), Roma Lenahan (Friends), Bryn Scriver (Preserve), Steve Sentoff (Friends), Laura Wyatt (Preserve)

Minutes

A motion to approve the minutes from April 19, 2018 was made by Batzli and seconded by Beaulieu. The motion was approved unanimously.

Public Comment

Roma Lenahan said, "The Preserve looks wonderful."

Staff Reports

1. Director Report (Laura Wyatt for Gary Brown)

See attached Preserve Staff Reports – September 26, 2018

Wyatt noted changes to Facilities Planning & Management. FP&M has been given more authority by the state to oversee 100% gift or grant funded projects. As a result they are hiring additional planning and project management staff, and expect possible reorganization of the Division.

2. Program Manager Report (Laura Wyatt)

See attached Preserve Staff Reports – September 26, 2018

Wyatt announced the President's Oak planting scheduled for October 10 from 11-11:30am and the Homecoming celebration in the Preserve with hot chocolate at Picnic Point on October 20 from 8-10am.

3. Capital Projects Report (Rhonda James)

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The newly redesigned lot 130 will include short cutoff parking lot lights that will shine just on the parking lot.

The Nielsen outdoor tennis courts will feature lighting that will only be on when the courts are in use.

MG&E has altered their previous plans for the Lake Mendota Drive corridor. They will no longer be removing hazard trees, instead they will be burying the power lines. They will doing brush mowing in order to carry out the work. It is not known how the lines will be buried—trench or boring. Lenahan was concerned that tree roots would be cut in the process.

Batzli is still interested in having a BCycle station at lot 129 or Eagle Heights. James said UW Transportation is not supportive of lot 129 as a location. It's a destination rather than a place of origin—people can ride a bike there but someone else can take the bike and strand the first person. She said the new lot 130 will include bike racks on a concrete pad. It costs \$8000 per year to fund a BCycle station. The conversation was stopped in interest of time but Hotchkiss said we can revisit.

4. Field Activities Report (Adam Gundlach)

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Stanosz suggested the Preserve look into the Wisconsin Arborist Association Day of Service.

Volunteers and Outreach Report (Bryn Scriver)

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Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report (Steve Sentoff for Doris Dubielzig)

See attached Friends of the Lakeshore Nature Preserve report –September 26, 2018

2018 Work Plan 6-month Status Report (Preserve staff)

Stanosz recommended scarification of the ground in addition to increasing light levels to stimulate oak regeneration.

Wyatt gave a shout out to our UW Physical Plant Grounds partners for their work in the Preserve to maintain trails, collect trash, and provide wood for the fire circles among other things.

Sentoff said Brown talked about removing the Grounds Storage Area from the Preserve at the Stakeholder meeting. He supported this idea. Wyatt said having stakeholders and partners share their interest and support for this measure is important. The Preserve Committee could write a letter of support. Hotchkiss took note of this.

The Lakeshore Nature Preserve work planning and budget year starts March 1. The draft work plan and budget will be shared at the November Preserve Committee meeting and will be presented for a vote at the February meeting. Project proposals from the public are due November 1. The Planning and Implementation subcommittee will review the proposals and make recommendations at the November meeting.

Brown and Wyatt continue to work with the UW Foundation. The Preserve needs \$70,000 each year in gift funds to support operations and programs including volunteer supplies, herbicide, cleaning the pit toilets, and prescribed fires.

The Preserve will begin a strategic planning process in the next 6 months; an updated Master Plan will follow.

Committee calendar and subcommittee organization (Laura Wyatt)

In the interest of time, Wyatt will reach out by email about the calendar and various subcommittees that need members. Please identify a subcommittee that you can serve on.

A motion was made by Stanosz and seconded by Beaulieu to adjourn the meeting. The motion was approved unanimously.

Adjournment

Submitted by Bryn Scriver, Preserve Volunteer and Outreach Coordinator