

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Plan Committee

February 4, 2015

Present: Lynne Diebel, Sharon Beall, Marsha Vomastic, Christine Felton, Sandra Black, Ingrid West

Canoe Landing

Notes from conversation with Andy Paulios on Feb 3, 2015:

1. Canoe landing - probable cost ~ \$1200

Andy – Badfish Creek Wildlife Area property manager

Brandon – Engineer

Wendy – water management specialist

Anthonette – ADA requirements

Brandon approved the site

Anthonette said probably no ADA requirement but not sure yet, there are only “guidelines” for canoe landings – Andy is checking in on whether we’d need/could follow them or not. Andy is leaning against it due to the nature of the site.

Wendy said easy permit for low impact landing

We all (FBCW and DNR) need to meet at the site

2. Dane County Master Plan (canoe landing’s on this)

Public meeting for Master Plan will probably be in April/May and final presentation to County Board in late June.

Vike (sp?) Family Trust owns field adjoining the parking area is going before planning committee for four house lots, 8 acres total

3. Potential landowner contacts, per Andy

-Francisco Pelegri fjpelegri@wisc.edu is a landowner in the watershed who contacted Andy and may be interested in joining the group or hosting an event on his farm. I will contact him and offer to include him on future meeting notices.

-Van Brocklands (sp?) on Casara Road have 29 acres and are very into deer hunting/wildlife/birdwatching. They plan to do some prairie planting in 2015.

4. Possibility of a Winter Logging Workday, **possibly** with science teacher Amy Hermanson and SHS students (Andy will check), a half-day project to start clearing the upland for a trail along the creek. Loppers for us and students, chainsaws for Heidi and Jenna of DNR, sleds for dragging stuff. Maybe a bonfire. He asked that we line up some possible dates in late Feb, early March

5. DNR plans one Prescribed Burn in April on Old Stone Road edge of WA
6. Andy proposes a Wetland Tour in the spring, probably 1st or 2nd week in May

Conservation Projects

Voted to go ahead with Winter Logging Workday **IF** SHS students will help. Lynne will do a poll to find dates that work for our group and forward them to Andy. Friday afternoon may be a good time.

We're interested in the prescribed burn. Lynne will ask Andy if volunteers are needed. Jim Danky and Christine Schelshorn burn their own prairie and Ingrid and Rae West are certified.

We're definitely interested in the Wetland Tour in early May.

Ingrid noted that Sustainable Stoughton www.sustainablestoughton.org is a resource for advertising events and recruiting volunteers.

Strategic Plan

We need to update our Strategic Plan. Marsha will set up a Google Drive document and email a URL link. We can review and comment online. If anyone needs a paper copy, contact Lynne. When review is done, we'll schedule a meeting to revise. New initiatives?

Dane County Environmental Council Grant/possible educational sign

We decided to investigate an educational sign for the Badfish to be sited outside the Cooksville Store. Sandra will contact the store and Ingrid will gather cost estimates and sources. If it looks like a go, Lynne will write the grant. The deadline (online application) is Feb 27, 2105.

If the canoe landing is accomplished, we will want to place a sturdy sign there too, but that can be the focus of a grant for next year.

Action Items

1. Set a date with Andy for FBCW and DNR to meet at the Old Stage parking area
2. Invite Francisco Pelegri to next Planning meeting
3. Find dates for Winter Logging in late Feb-early March
4. Ask Andy about volunteers for Prescribed Burn
5. Educational sign research and grant