

Friends of Badfish Creek Watershed Plan Committee

July 17, 2014

Present: Lynne Diebel, Sharon Beall, Jim Danky, Jim Post, Marsha Vomastic, Christine Felton

Guest

Thank you to Andy Paulios, Property Manager of the Badfish Creek Wildlife Area, for addressing the group again about the canoe landing. andy.paulios@wisconsin.gov, 608-275-3250

Japanese knotweed squares

Thank you to Marsha Vomastic for bringing homemade dessert.

Canoe Landing at Old Stage Road

Badfish Wildlife Area is part of the Wildlife Area Master Plan. Andy said that Ed Jepson is still collecting comments and that he would deliver ours.

Andy said that parsnip control isn't practical because there are few high quality native species. However there is a calcareous fen, a wetland with a basic ph.

Amy Hermanson is an SHS science teacher who does projects with the DNR. We should consider contacting her about the canoe landing project.

Engineers Ron and Brandon will check the canoe landing site for design parameters.

We should consider asking the landowner for an easement on the south side of Old Stage.

Jim D suggested forming an alliance with hunters for the workdays.

Kiosk to communicate and form alliances.

Action items: Grant is due mid-November. Two main things: Jim Walsh said we do NOT have to be a registered friends group to apply for the grant, but formalizing the group's status may provide continuity and be an advantage. Andy will investigate what obligations are involved.

Jim D will be Friends Coordinator for the Canoe Landing Project. He will approach landowner Doug Read, and solicit funds and services from other sources.

Knotweed

Planting date needs to be set

Action items: Jim D, Jim P, Marsha, Christine will help with planting grass plugs. Lynne will contact Scott Taylor about planting day.

Water Sentinels Canoe Tour

No contact between Christine and WS since last meeting.

Highway Cleanup

Marsha pointed out that the cleanup is disconnected from the creek. We voted on whether to continue: 3 yes, 1 neutral, 2 no.

Action items: Christine will organize one more time, then we will revisit