

Town of Verona
Natural and Recreational Areas Committee Minutes
Town of Verona Hall, 335 N. Nine Mound Rd, Verona
02/22/2017

Present: Members: Bill Keen, Bob Stellick and Dave Lonsdorf
Absent: DuWayne Hoffman

Attendees: Darrel Morrison, Eric Rieth, Gaelan Combs, David Combs, Sherry Combs, Martha Maxwell, and Mark Geller

Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 7:00 PM

Approval of Agenda- Stellick moved to approve agenda; Lonsdorf seconded. Motion carried 3-0 .

Public Comments- None

Update from Members- None

Old Business-

The minutes of the 1/18/17 meeting were reviewed. Stellick moved to approve; Lonsdorf seconded. Motion carried 3-0.

Review Natural and Cultural Resources Chapter of Comprehensive Plan-
Modifications and suggestions were made. See attached

Review official map of the Town of Verona: Mark Geller stated that the map is not done.

Presentation by Professor Morrison: The NRAC committee and attendees joined with the plan commission to listen to Professor Morrison. He reviewed some of his prairies and gave his thoughts on what he would like to see. The professor had four main points of a prairie for the town.

1. Ecologically sound-plants native to area
2. Experience rich- Many varieties and groupings
3. Of the place- Town of Verona, a unique spot
4. Dynamic- changes with time

After his presentation, the NRAC and others went back to their own meeting. Here, Eric Reich (EPIC), discussed how EPIC was for helping continue the prairie onto their property. This would happen for sure on the west side and there was a good chance for the south and maybe the east side. Gaelan Combs then asked for 100 sq. ft. of land to incorporate a pollinator field of plants. The FFA and 4H would work on developing and maintaining this section. Professor Morrison was very willing to work with both Eric and Gaelan.

Lonsdorf pointed out how some seeds had been gathered for the town, he will have to inventory. Collection efforts with the county and EPIC would help in keeping the cost down with volunteers to harvest seeds this year. A cover crop such as buckwheat would be planted this year with weed control being a concern. Prairie would be planted in 2018. Keen added that the county would allow us to use their equipment to remove the chaf from the seeds we have already collected.

Scheduled next meeting for March 15, 2017 at 7:00 PM

Adjourned – Lonsdorf moved to adjourn; 2nd Stellick. Motion carried 3-0 at 9:03 PM.

Approved: March 15, 2017

Prepared by: Bill Keen