

Town of Verona  
Natural and Recreational Areas Committee Minutes  
Town of Verona meeting  
5-10-22

**Present:** Bill Keen, Dave Lonsdorf, Jo Tucker, Rosemary Bodolay, Kirk Feller

Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 6:38 PM

**Approval of Agenda-** Motion by Tucker, Second Bodolay, passed 5-0

**Approval of Minutes from April 14, 2022:** Motion Tucker, Second Lonsdorf, passed 4-0

**Public Comments-**None

**Update from Members:** Each member introduced themselves to Feller.

**Update from Board Member:** None

**Review status of Tree policy for town:** Tree policy was explained to include a tree inventory on developmental areas, to preserve mature native trees and to encourage tree planting in town. NRAC will contact Bruce Allison about his thoughts on a tree policy for the town and invite him to an NRAC meeting.

**Review information for Town Hall's storm water pond inspection and other storm water ponds in the town:** Lonsdorf presented plan to the town board. Board chair asked that NRAC should get a professional storm water pond inspector to examine our pond and tell us how much it would cost to have it inspected. Chris Barnes is willing to provide a plan for housekeeping and maintenance of the town pond since there is no inspection plan that was included with the design documents. Tucker will ask Barnes for this plan. Lonsdorf will talk to Chair Gellar and Gaskell about getting a list of pros to look over the ponds and get their cost for inspecting not only the town pond but the other ponds in the town. If it is decided that pond inspection is good for the town, Bodolay and Tucker will work on creating an ordinance. This would be sent to the ordinance committee. Bodolay raised the question of safety of storm water ponds and that should be included in the ordinance.

**Discuss PDR and conservation easement questions from board meeting and consolidate answers:** PDR's and their benefits were explained to Feller. Lonsdorf presented a map showing suggested areas that would be nice to have preserved. It showed acreage that would be smaller in area than proportionally the Town of Dunn has preserved. Much emphasis was put on the fact that all of this is voluntary for the land owner. Some of the questions submitted showed that misinformation about PDR's existed.

**Discuss next steps for PDR and conservation easements:** After much discussion, Lonsdorf will present general answers to questions at the next board meeting:

NRAC would like to talk to agencies with the thought of how they could assist us in starting up a PDR program.

Show information from the Town of Dunn PDR program history for examples of how much money from the town was used, the groups that money came from and acres preserved.

Work, using town resources, to connect the Ice Age Trail throughout the town by using groups like Dane County Parks, cities and the Ice Age Trail Alliance where our costs would be minimal in obtaining land.

Motion to adjourn by Bodolay, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Tucker, Passed 5-0 at 8:25 p.m.