

Town of Verona
Natural and Recreational Areas Committee Minutes
Town of Verona meeting
9-13-22
Amended 10-18-22

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

* Chair Keen left part way through due to illness

Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 6:32 PM

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

Approval of Minutes from July 12, 2022: Motion Lonsdorf, Second Tucker, with wording change requested by Bodolay on item #6 (*tree protection & preservation policy*), passed 5-0

Public Comments-None

Update from Chair/ Members: Keen reported on his attendance at August Board meeting requesting change of previous Board meeting minutes to include NRAC priorities list for 2021-22.

Update from Board Member: Brief overview of recent Board meeting decision to not change past Board minutes. Suggestion to establish new list of NRAC priorities for 2022-23 which will then go to Board for a vote.

Discuss NRAC mission statement: Current statement from the last NRAC report read aloud. Discussion revolved around adding language to include agricultural lands for protection and preservation when the report is updated in 2023. Discussion about working on organizing an educational/outreach program for town citizens to accomplish the education goal in the mission statement. Suggestion to partner with Mark Geller and his stated plan to hold quarterly events for the public in the Town Hall on a Saturday.

Discuss next projects for NRAC: Lonsdorf will send last year's priorities list to committee members to review and then come prepared at next meeting to discuss this year's priorities.

Discussion of *Town Hall Prairie Improvement Options* document prepared by Lonsdorf and sent to members. Currently, the prairie needs maintenance; some areas plantings are not successful. Feller suggests getting soil tested. Lonsdorf emphasizes the need for annual burns; hiring a professional or a professional company seems best.

Lonsdorf is meeting with Sarah Gaskell on Wednesday, Sept 14 to discuss the 3 options outlined in the document.

Motion to adjourn by Tucker, Second by Feller, Passed 4-0 at 8:00 p.m.

Minutes respectfully submitted by Rosemary Bodolay