Town of Verona
Natural and Recreational Areas Committee Minutes
Town of Verona Hall, 335 N. Nine Mound Rd, Verona
5/18/16

Present: Bill Keen, Bob Stellick (arrived at 7:30 PM), and DuWayne Hoffman
Absent: Dave Lonsdorf

Chair Keen called the meeting to order at 7:04 PM

Approval of Agenda-
Hoffman and Keen had no objection to the agenda.

Old Business-
The minutes of the 4/20/16 meeting were reviewed. Hoffman and Keen had no objection to the minutes as presented. When member Stellick arrived at 7:30 PM he had no objection either so the minutes were approved, without objection.

Update from Member- Stellick reported weed ordinance was placed lower on priority list by Ordinance Committee.   Discussion was held regarding enforcement, the value of trying to remove all weeds, and what to put in the ordinance.

Ice Age Trail-
No new information – Lonsdorf, who was not present this evening, attended the Ice Age Trail meeting.

Boundary Agreement-
No new information.

Comprehensive Plan-
Hoffman moved to approve the updated NRAC plan; 2nd Keen. Motion carried 3-0.

Proposed Planning Districts-
Discussion of reasons for districts and propose questions.   Without a City/Town Boundary Agreement, there were no questions at this time.

Discuss Impact of Opting out of Dane County Zoning-
Listed advantages:
Possible faster turnaround time
Better local control

Disadvantages:
Could possibly cost more to do if revenue not shared by County
May be open to lawsuits
May need more staff

Thoughts:
Dane County Towns Association- Zoning plan, how could we join cooperatively with other towns that opt out, share costs
Is Town really dissatisfied with County zoning enough to opt out?
Could we join City of Verona in zoning plan?
Continue for 3 years, then decide and wait until lawsuit and other towns show effectiveness of opting out.

Scheduled next meeting-
June 15, 2016 at 7:00 PM

Adjourn-
Stellick made a motion to adjourn; 2nd by Hoffman. Motion carried 3-0 at 8:50 PM.

Approved: June 15, 2016   Prepared by: Bill Keen