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MILWAUKEE RIVER ADVISORY COMMITTEE
Monday, April 1, 2019
6:00 PM
Thiensville Village Hall, Small Conference Room

Minutes

1) Call to Order, Roll Call

Present:

Committee Member Ronald Dorszynski
Committee Member Julie Cabaniss
Committee Member Michael Gross
Chair Daniel Knuth
Vice Chair Dale Mortensen
Committee Member Kenneth Quant
Committee Member Karen Stern

Also present were Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies, Jim Gennrich, Bill Spaulding, and Gary Berg.

2) Approval of Meeting Minutes

a. December 4, 2018 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Committee Member Mortensen
SECONDED BY: Chairman Cabaniss

AYES: Dorszynski, Cabaniss, Gross, Knuth, Mortensen, Quant, Stern

b. February 25, 2019 Minutes

RESULT: **Approved [Unanimous]**
MOVED BY: Committee Member Quant
SECONDED BY: Committee Member Mortensen

AYES: Dorszynski, Cabaniss, Gross, Knuth, Mortensen, Quant, Stern

3) Committee Discussion of Unfinished Business

A. Update on courtesy card(s)

The committee decided to send out a courtesy card or letter for summer (in May) that itemizes river courtesies but also asks homeowners along the river to opt in to being part of an email list of homeowners along the river by sending their email to a particular individual to be decided upon next meeting.

Ken Quant will email the committee members a copy of what has been done before.

B. Potential ordinance prohibiting power loading at Villa Grove boat launch

Discussion was conducted about trying to stop powerloading at the pier at Villa Grove Park to prevent the dangerous divet in the water at the end of the boat launch. The committee discussed the fact that people might not understand what they are doing, it may be inadvertent.

It was decided that we would add something to the courtesy card about the harm that powerloading does to the launch area. Moved by Ken Quant, seconded by Karen Stern.

4) New Business

a. Mike Gies, Mequon Parks and Forestry Superintendent - Discussion Garrison Glen River Signage

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies suggested a sign with an arrow on the NE end of Pioneer Road Bridge at Garrison's Glen. Nothing was determined about this, discussion will continue. He also asked the committee to start thinking about future signage at Garrison Glen to introduce the river and important points about the river.

Parks and Forestry Superintendent Gies proposed the idea that eventually he would like the village to build a parking lot close to the river behind River Barn. It would be connected to the road that comes off of County Line Road and leads to behind the River Barn. He would like to see some native plantings back there too. The River Advisory Committee expressed their support of this future project.

b. Adopt-A-River section discussion

Jim Gennrich stated the Riverkeepers is promoting the adoption of segments of the river in Ozaukee County. The idea is that for each adopted segment of the river, the responsible party would enter what they find in the river into the Global International Coastal Statistics Program twice a year. Riverkeepers asked if the River Advisory Committee wanted to adopt a segment. In addition, the city of Mequon and Village of Thiensville can only be involved by possibly facilitating a drop off for garbage found in the river. The committee stated that they can't adopt anything as a group, but can help to promote the Riverkeepers program, but that is all they are able to do.

c. Canoe launch/pier below the Thiensville dam discussion

Jim Gennrich posed the question to the committee as to whether there should be another canoe launch somewhere along the river to break up the long segments? The committee decided to table that discussion for the next meeting.

Committee discussed promoting the use of the river for kayaking and canoeing below the Thiensville Fireman's Park dam. The decision to move this discussion to future meetings was proposed.

d. Ozaukee County websites with Milwaukee River info

This was not discussed, but the Treasures of Oz is to be discussed at the next River Advisory Meeting.

5) Adjourn

a. Adjourn at 8:38 PM

RESULT: Approved by Voice Acclamation [Unanimous]

MOVED BY: Chairman Cabaniss

SECONDED BY: Committee Member Gross

AYES: Dorszynski, Cabaniss, Gross, Knuth, Mortensen, Quant, Stern
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Respectfully Submitted,

Casey Deuster