

August 31st Minutes

- Present: Kathy, Mark, Lee, Keith, and Emilee; and our guest Terry Nichols.

Review action steps:

- Approved minutes from last minute
- According to WDNR Knowles-Nelson staff, hunting is restricted No hunting on around 2/3 of property due to rule about hunting on school property.
- Good News our park project has qualified for Knowles-Nelson grant due to river shore line. The point of the grant is to protect the river.
- Board report- They approved anything including spending up to \$1,000 without getting prior approved. Gates and kiosk have been approved. No negative comments from the Board about keeping eastern gate closed off as of right now. Discussed neighbor property boundary dispute.
- Gates: Sid anticipates Ashley will be out there as soon as possible, with the gates. 2 western gates will provide opportunity for feedback before they do the eastern part.
- Knowles Nelson report: defines what activities we can have on the property. All need to be nature based. Frisbee golf is a no; horseback riding has not been approved on other K-N properties. Hiking, skiing, hunting, fishing, trapping are allowed on K-N properties.
- Name change, we didn't approve the initials before so the name has been changed to Colfax Red Cedar Preserve and Recreation Area.
- Opening as soon as we get gates and the township owns it.
- Workday report: the team got a lot done and did a great job! Paul is waiting until after we walk the trail to give Steve the go ahead on mowing. Lee had brought up that the width of the trail should be no greater than six feet and Mr. Mosey was kind enough to clean off the rest of the trail. We would like to acknowledge the help of Steve Riley. We also get the schedule for mowing as time goes on.
- Walking trail, as Kathy discussed in the email she sent out we will be having a group walking on the 16th at six. That is a Wednesday. Keith will work on getting a larger aerial picture of the walking trail from a student. We may be opening before we have a kiosk as Noah Smit is not certain about when he

can get to building it. Mark will talk to Mr. B about possibly having the shop work on one if Noah is not be to complete it . Last note on the trail: Poison ivy is only bad where there are sunny spots on the trail.

- Work days with no official day set just ideas
 - Honey Suckle workday
 - Clearing out selective area
 - Prairie areas and seed gathering.
- Notes for next time: Plenty to do with the prairie areas, Kathy will be double checking on dates for grants.
- Public Comments: Terry would like to see more cooperation and minutes/procedures on the website. Website to be used as a tool. Spread the word more.
- Agenda for next meeting:
 - Date for next meeting Oct. 5th @ 7pm
 - Walking trail
 - Work days
- Meeting Adjourned 8:34pm