

6.0 Apple Blossom Updates

No updates given.

7.0 Farmers Park Updates

A. Lafee gave a brief update on Farmers Park activities voted on in 2020 and projects to be continued in 2021. He has been working with the Director, Kay Qualley, in regards to developing a plan for the park to be discussed, reviewed and recommendations then provided by the committee.

8.0 Stone Point Park Updates

A. Master Plan Review

L. Overhaug went through the PowerPoint presentation about Stone Point Park that explained the location and development of the park, current uses and recent work of the park, and the development of an updated plan. The park members requested information about the park amendment, as mentioned in the park plan. The committee discussed current uses, what role the committee plays in the park development and potentially touring Stone Point. Commissioner Kovecsi will look into a copy of the Winona Area Mountain Bikes plan. On motion by M. Neil and seconded by D. Hadler, the Parks committee voted to review the Stone Point Park plan and define a focus area at the next meeting. Vote: Yes – All.

B. MDA Urban Grant for Deer Fence

Since 2010, Winona County has cultivated a 10.5 acre parcel of land at Stone Point for community garden plots for county residents. Some of the plots are rented by full-time market gardeners and other plots provide fresh produce for families or for donations to area food shelves. The county has made improvements to the gardens in the past with grant funds and donations to drill a water well and run water lines to the plots, and to install on-site hoop houses which are rented out. The biggest current challenge for the gardeners has been ongoing damage from deer. Staff has located potential grant funds to fence off the community gardens, which would greatly increase the productivity of the plots. A request to approve the application for this grant will be on the January 12, 2021, County Board agenda.

9.0 Area Trails Update

No updates given.

10.0 Member Updates

Commissioner Marie Kovecsi: Welcomed the new members and thanked the committee members for their time, focus and work on the committee.

John Howard: Gave an oriental bittersweet eradication update, through the month of December 2020. Multiple volunteers assisted staff and interns with the eradication.

11.0 Reminder: Sign Respectful Workplace Policy form for Personnel Dept

The policy will be sent to all citizen advisory committee members for signature.

12.0 Next meeting date: March 2, 2021

13.0 Adjourn

On motion by D. Hadler and seconded by A. Gentry, the committee voted to adjourn. Vote: Yes – All.

Respectfully Submitted,
Anne Schwertel
Administrative Specialist

Signed by:



Committee Chair/Vice Chair

3/4/21
Date