

Nature Reserve Committee

July 2, 2022, Meeting Minutes

1. Introductions

- A. **In attendance:** all members present, except David Kittelson, David Southard, and Melody Mixon
- B. **New Member Initiations:**
 - Pam Quinn, Alan Bryant, Larry Robbins, and Roger Dornaus received their NR walking sticks

2. NR meeting topics

- A. **Ameno Platform Refinishing (Roger to report)**
 - Roger reported that he does not believe the Platform needs refinishing this year. We may want to add to the budget for 2023.
- B. **Budget Update**
 - The only budget expenditure thus far has been \$75 for the Nature Forum Keynote speaker
- C. **Summary on Nature Forum**
 - **T-shirt Sales** – cleared \$350 (\$275 to account and \$75 to petty cash) and sold out! We will revisit ordering the minimum order of 12 in the fall.
 - **Petty Cash update:** including the \$75 from t-shirt sales, total petty cash = \$241
- D. **Other Possible Summer Activities**
 - **August Bat Talk & Walk**
 - Some interest in having the event, but no one volunteered to head up
 - **Art with Nature – Stamping Event and/or Rock painting**
 - Dave Purtee displayed some of his cool painted rocks and we discussed t-shirt stamping, but no decision about holding an event. Could be a pop-up event with only a couple of weeks advance notice.
- E. **Fall Activities**
 - **Fall Retreat (Late September)**
 - Unanimous agreement to have a retreat, check on availability of Mel's place. Possibly add a trip/tour of the Seabrook distillery.
 - **Fall Workdays:**
October 21st (Friday), October 28th (Friday), November 12th (Saturday)
 - **Fall Guided Tour Date: November 26, 2022**, at the West Gate at 9:00am. Tour should feature the yellow and orange trail to the Lake Stairs and then return to West gate
 - **Bald Eagle/ Raptor Nesting Platform Installation (Sept/Oct)**
LSK still trying to find a location and has accessibility for installation
 - **Wildflower Project on Select Portion of Berms (October)**
We discussed the short prairie grasses and forbs that we will plant after the last mowing of the berm area on the west end. LSK to order the seeds.
 - **BCDD#4 agreement to reduce mowing of upper berms**
LSK to submit (by end of July) the reduced mowing proposal and obtain agreement with BCDD4
- F. **Other Possible Activities**

- **Fall Plant sale/ Nature Forum:** everyone liked the idea, and we will discuss further at retreat. Event would be held in **early-mid October**. Possibly have the raptor demonstration.