



BOARD MEETING MINUTES

NWRAPS Board Meeting – February 11, 2020

Board Attendees: Alan Duesterhaus Jim Hendren Charlotte Hanks Brian Anselmo

Non-Board Attendees: Mark Birch, Krista Foxx, Paula Cross, Kristen Hargrove, Jason Butterick, Ellen Hearn

Call to Order at 7:00 pm.

December and January minutes approved as written

Financial Report – Charlotte provided a Balance Sheet as of 2/2/2020. The proceeds includes funds obtained from The Community Foundation, associated with the Little Free Library project.

Old Business:

- Little Free Library Project – a few basic things discussed – the library structures can't be on empty lots; need to be a foot away from sidewalks; and call 'JULIE' before digging post holes.
- Staley Pump House – there was a support letter written to the group endeavoring to save the former Staley Pump House. It was indicated there was a recent article about it in the Decatur Tribune. It was suggested that individuals write an email to Tate & Lyle expressing a desire to save the pump house from demolition.
- 531 S. Crea St. – a Contract for Deed offer has been made.
- Beautification Committee - Krista Foxx proposed a clean-up project within the neighborhood area (TBD) with an initial target of April 18. A couple of thoughts discussed were possibly getting a dumpster donation, and checking into whether Millikin has a VISTA program that may be able to provide volunteers.
 - As a sub-item to this topic, Ellen Hearn from 'Beautify Decatur' was invited to the meeting and discussed two projects – "America in Bloom" and "Block by Block"
 - America in Bloom is a community challenge which Decatur competed in last year, and did well in, from the social media, landscaping and tour perspectives. Will be competing in the event again this year, and may need help with amassing litter crews in designated tour areas.
 - Block by Block is a program centered on a revitalization plan that initially involves the Nelson Park vicinity.

Board Meeting adjourned at 8:00 pm

Respectively Submitted, Brian Anselmo