

# Meeting Notes

(Approved 12 November 2018, no changes)

Town of Greenville

## **Land Stewardship/AEA Committee**

**Tuesday, 25 September 2018 (5:00 pm)**

Greenville Town Hall

Present: Jack Anderson, Larry Bentle, Michael Brown, Sally Bowers, Sarah Grotjan, John Julius, Jean Julius (guest), Linda Julius-Kester (guest).

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*“To do,” items are indicated in red.*

1. Call to order. 5:05 pm.
2. Approval of 28 August 2018 meeting minutes. Approved as written (motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally).
3. Formation of a Historic Preservation Commission ((HPC) Jack Anderson).  
Jack presented a proposal to form a Greenville Historical Preservation Commission (or equivalent) for our township. This group would be charged to identify and develop the means to preserve both natural and man made historical sites in our community. The following summary:
  - a. Landmarks have/provide significance to the community.
  - b. For example, a Historical Preservation Committee (HPC) would:
    - i. Collect artifacts, photos, etc. to archive.
    - ii. Focus on key structures and preserving historic architectural components.
    - iii. Designate historic sites, districts, natural features, etc. and write ordinances or equivalent legislation to preserve them.
      1. Currently, the old Greenville Bank, Grange Hall and Greenville Station are on the historical sites register.
  - c. River Falls HPC has bylaws that Jack provided as a model via a handout at the meeting. On 2 October Jack emailed Larry a 1<sup>st</sup> draft of a Historic Preservation Ordinance for Greenville (**see Attachment I**). *Please review Attachment I and return comments to Jack.* Also, please forward to others outside of our committee who might have interest in serving on the commission.
  - d. Question by Jean: Place to store artifacts – town hall, museum, etc. Perhaps such a place (museum?) could be defined and secured through the commission/committee as one of its responsibilities.
  - e. Sally suggested student involvement in Commission work
    - i. Historical Curriculum starts in 2<sup>nd</sup> grade

- f. Is there interest in starting an HPC connected to this committee or as a separate entity?
- g. Jack proposed formation of a formal commission composed of 5-7 members appointed by the Town Board.
  - i. Commission members would not need to be from Greenville.
  - ii. Members would be chosen with differing skills sets, knowledge and experience is important.
  - iii. Autonomy for the group is critical.
- h. John raised the following points:
  - i. People may donate items of historical significance. How do we sort these items out and where to store/display?
  - ii. Should the HPC be associated with our Land Stewardship Committee? It may be a distraction for one of our main goals, which is Land Preservation in Greenville.
  - iii. How will people be chosen to serve? Shouldn't serving be on a volunteer basis without official Board appointment?

*In general there was considerable concern about combining committees as it was felt that the Land Stewardship Committee should focus its efforts on land preservation, easements and Ag education programs.*

- 4. Greenville Bike and Trail Committee (John).
  - a. A survey for bike trail feedback is coming out in the newsletter. It is also on-line at Greenville website and on Facebook.
  - b. A student bike survey for students and parents is also coming to the Greenville schools.
  - c. 12 October is the deadline to submit input via the surveys concerning future bike trail mapping position, design and construction.
  - d. What policy and what ordinances should be put in place for future bike trails? Sincere forethought is needed to develop the best policy for Greenville.
  - e. If trails are to transverse farmland, which could make an attractive network for residents, what liability protection for landowners should be put in place by the Town to make such a network attractive to both landowners and residents alike?
- 5. LS/AEA.
  - a. Committee account status. Same as last month (\$868)
  - b. Signage. Twin City Gun Club. John reported that the club would invite us to one of their upcoming meetings. We would have the opportunity to present information on our committee, the AEA and learn about their club.
  - c. Hwy 15 corridor & Town incorporation, status (Michael).
    - i. No information on Hwy 15, suggest removing it from the agenda.

- ii. 18 October is the next court date for Town Incorporation. The Village of Hortonville has objected, so both Greenville and Hortonville must present a “legal brief” at the 10/2018 court hearing.
    - d. AEA expansion opportunities. No further information at this time.
- 6. Community Ag education.
  - a. HASD.
    - i. Little Chefs – 10/2 GingeRootz, 10/9 Jaripeo, [www.trimhunger.com](http://www.trimhunger.com)
    - ii. Gardens harvested. North Greenville Elementary School (NGES) will make pizza with garden harvest.
    - iii. Sarah is working on a tour of the Fox River Valley Ethanol plant for HASD High School students that could possibly happen in December. Also, perhaps a younger group of students can be scheduled to tour Jeff’s farm.
    - iv. The Plant Station in Appleton has offered 50 thousand square feet of growing space.
    - v. A DECCA meeting with Sally to support Farm 2 School is scheduled.
- 7. Other related area news. None.
- 8. Next meeting.
  - a. Michael raised the question for the Committee members: Shall we change the Land Stewardship meetings to align with the Town Board Meetings – 2<sup>nd</sup> Monday of the month? Yes or No? This would more easily allow Town Board members to attend our meeting and vice versa.
    - i. After some discussion it was agreed to meet before the November TB meeting that starts at 6:00 pm. We have 1 hour for our meeting.
    - ii. Our next meeting: **12 November 2018, 5 p.m. at the Town Hall.**
- 9. Adjournment. 6:20 pm. Motion by John, 2<sup>nd</sup> by Sally.

Parking lot for future meeting(s):

- a) Web site.
- b) PDR & TDR.
- c) Land Trusts