



February 2, 2017 Board Meeting Minutes

Uptown Innovation Center 6:00 PM

Society for the Preservation and Use of Resources, Inc.

S.P.U.R. Board Members present: Lisa Butch, Asa Duffee, Bill Engle, Alisha Estabrook, Shannon Hayes, Joe Hellrung, Ed Pollock, Nancy Pollock, Gracie Rosson, Scott Zimmerman

Absent: Gunty Atkins, Mark Cox, Stu Milligan, Gerald South

1. January Minutes: The January minutes will be revised to indicate we spent \$120 for a Hayes Arboretum membership. Bill moved to approve, Asa seconded- All in favor.
2. Treasurer's report (Ed): We receive 8 additional memberships equaling \$675, plus \$1294.50 from In Concert. Since the December solicitation letter, we have received 35 total memberships equaling \$ 2,685. There is currently \$12,277.64 in the Wayne Bank and Trust CD and \$11,875.78 in First Bank Richmond CD. Shannon moved to approve, Bill seconded- All in favor.
3. RTP Grant Update (Joe): Joe has been in touch with Van Temple. The City is concerned that the grant will not adequately construction of the trail, but is working on getting bids for the work.
4. Fundraising (Joe): The InConcert Mardi Gras Party is February 4. Tickets are \$25. We are hosting a Chipotle Fundraiser Thursday, February 16, 5-8pm.
5. Membership/Marketing (Gracie/Asa/Joe): We discussed getting tote bags or water bottles made as gifts for different levels of membership. SPUR water bottle stickers and Hayes Arboretum memberships were given to board members present. Joe is sending thank you notes with a sticker and SPUR membership card to everyone who donated to SPUR since the December membership campaign.
6. Aquifer Protection (Shannon): Shannon (& Joe) attended the Environment Sustainability Council meeting to discuss Speedway's use of an Environmental Covenant prohibiting groundwater use in order to leave soil and groundwater contamination in excess of drinking water standards under their property within the Eastern Aquifer Protection District. The Environmental Sustainability Council is going to try to contact IDEM to learn if it is possible to update or draft an ordinance that will prohibit this type of action within the Aquifer Protection Districts in the future. Shannon will draft a letter to IDEM and possibly other government representatives for the next SPUR meeting.
7. Earlham Sustainability (Lisa): Lisa described the role of the Environmental Leadership Program at Earlham College. She listed a number of projects they are working, including: Miller Farm- the campus sustainable agriculture program; a campus bike share program run in conjunction with Earlham Public Safety; the Richmond Sustainable

Communities project – farmers market and social media campaign. The Sustainability program has 12 student interns who are in charge of Earlham's composting program, recycling, the campus Free Store, and Earth week programming. They are also starting to look at campus landscaping to become a sustainable campus.

8. SPUR Bike Ride (Joe): Stu would like to propose a bike ride to raise awareness about local environmental issues. Discussion is tabled until Stu is present.
9. Park Department Rec Guide (Alisha): The Parks Department is working on their annual Recreation Guide and is offering free ¼ page ads (additional sizes available for purchase) for community events and organizations. The deadline for submissions is Feb 10th. The Guides will be distributed in the Sunday paper, at the National Road Welcome Center, and at the Parks Department and various Recreation events. Joe & Shannon will work on preparing an ad for SPUR.
10. Membership Mailing List Revision (Joe): SPUR needs to revise our mailing list to increase returns. Joe will send list to everybody. If anyone has names to be added/deleted, please let him know.
11. Annual Meeting/Bill Frazier Award: It's time to start planning the annual meeting and selecting nominees for the Bill Frazier Award. Alison Zajdel was suggested as a possible awardee given the completion of Cope's new sustainable building.
12. Richmond's Family Earth Day Celebration will be held on April 22nd at Cope Environmental Center from 10-2:00. The National theme is Environmental & Climate Literacy. We need to start planning a booth.

**Next Meeting: Thursday, March 2, 2017 6:00 PM
at the Uptown Innovation Center, 814 East Main Street, Richmond, IN**