

Tri-Creek Watershed Committee Meeting

Thursday, March 6, 2014 – 10:00 AM

Town of Ridgeville Hall
Norwalk, WI

Those in attendance were: Inese Epstein, Eric Epstein, Chad Ziegler, Monroe County Forest and Parks Administrator, Mike Luethe, Ridgeville Township Chairman, and Ron Luethe.

Meeting was called to order. Agenda was distributed. Motion to approve agenda by Ron Luethe, second by Inese Epstein. Motion to approve meeting minutes from 03/03/2013 by Inese Epstein, second by Ron Luethe.

Chad Ziegler met with the Tri-Creek Citizen Advisory Committee to discuss Tri-Creek, County Forest Law, and Stewardship funding. The Monroe County Land Conservation, Forestry & Parks Committee is considering enrolling 80 acres of county owned land (Tri-Creek) into the County Forest Law. This enrollment could potentially increase their chances for Stewardship funding and obtain 50% of the cost to obtain the recently acquired land (now in County Forest Law) at the county landfill. Chad distributed maps of the Ridgeville Landfill and County Forest and Tri-Creek depicting the preliminary blocking boundaries. The blocking boundary is one of the steps in the process to increase the ranking value for Stewardship funding. It was noted the landfill is currently using its funds to pay off the parcel.

Chad discussed what Ridgeville receives from the County Forest Law land it currently has at the landfill. The current year acreage share payment is \$92.00. For the years 2009-2013 severance tax share was \$50.00/year. Chad stated the Land Conservation, Forestry & Parks Committee is in the preliminary stages in the Stewardship/County Forest Law process.

The fencing issue around the Tri-Creek property was discussed. Chad was asked to research the issue and determine what responsibility the county and adjacent landowner has to maintain fences around the Tri-Creek property.

Hunting was also discussed. The question of designating Tri-Creek hunting for handicapped only individuals was asked. It was stated the County Board would have to make that designation.

The Ridgeville Township Board will discuss Stewardship and County Forest Law at it's next meeting. They may ask Chad to attend a future meeting to answer questions about these issues.

Motion to adjourn Inese Epstein, second by Ron Luethe.

Respectfully Submitted,
Ron Luethe