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Minutes

Brown's Creek Watershed District Citizen Advisory Committee Meeting Monday, April 10, 2023 at 6:30-8:00 p.m. Stillwater Library Margaret River's A Meeting Room

CAC Members Attending:

Jyneen Thatcher George Vania Yihong Gao (attended virtually) Ron Johnson Patty Johnson Aimee Eberle

Others Attending:

Cameron Blake, BCWD Assistant Allison McGinnis, Great River Greening (virtually) Celia Wirth, BCWD Board Liaison

- 1) Called the meeting to order at 6:35 PM.
- 2) Approved Agenda.
- 3) Approved Minutes from February 13th, 2023.
- 4) Education Topic: Stillwater: Bird City (Allison McGinnis, Sustainable Stillwater) Allison McGinnis introduced herself and Sustainable Stillwater's efforts in reaching a bird city designation for the City of Stillwater. Part of the requirement for this designation is an annual festival. The topic for World Migration Day in 2023 is water, which is relevant to district activities and focus. She is proposing the BCWD partner with SSMN and include the bird festival with the district's annual fall community event. The CAC agreed with this proposition and Allison will join the June CAC meeting for additional planning. The CAC and Allison discussed the lights out efforts by Sustainable Stillwater and upcoming planning of a park north of downtown Stillwater near the Brown's Creek State Trail.
- 5) Welcome new CAC member!

The CAC welcomed new member Aimee Eberle who will be approved to the CAC at this week's board meeting.

6) 2023 Newsletter

Managers:



The CAC provided a few edits for the newsletter and otherwise thought it looked ready for distribution.

7) 2022 Annual Report

The CAC provided a few edits for the newsletter and otherwise thought it looked ready for distribution.

8) BCWD Website

The CAC provided feedback on the mobile version of the BCWD website. They would like functionality and for the whole website to be accessible from a mobile browser.

9) 2023 Event Schedule

• Open Yard Series

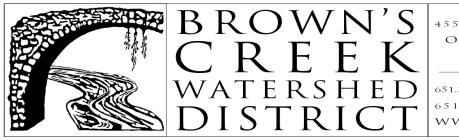
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| Month | Date/Time | Event | CAC Member |
| April | 4/29 8am | Long Lake West Trail | End of 62 nd St |
| | | Birding | |
| | | Long Lake boxes/posts | |
| May | 5/17 6:30pm | Wildflower Walk | Schulenburg Park |
| June | 6/21 6:30pm | Millbrook Restoration | Brown's Creek Park |
| | | Tour | parking lot |
| July | 7/19 6:30pm | Fly Fishing Workshop | Brown's Creek Park |
| | | | parking lot |
| August | 8/9 6:30pm | Brown's Creek | |
| | | Tributary Restoration | |
| | | Project Tour Part 2 | |
| September 16th | 10am-1pm | Community Event | Brown's Creek Park |
| September | 9/23 9am-12pm | Long Lake Buckthorn | End of 62 nd St |
| _ | _ | Brigade | |
| October | 10/7 9am-12pm | Brown's Creek | St. Croix Ballet Studio |
| | | Conservation Area | parking lot if |
| | | Buckthorn Brigade | permission is received |

2023 Community Event with Sustainable Stillwater: update on raptors
 Allison explained that she was able to reserve a raptor show from the raptor center at the
 community event and the cost will be split between SSMN and the BCWD. Additional
 details will be available at the June CAC meeting.

10) CAC Position Updates

• Graphic Design and Promotion

Managers:



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The BCWD is waiting to find out if the district will be approved for a NextDoor account to help with event promotion.

- Education and Community Engagement Allison shared about their upcoming Climate Fair on April 29th.
- Habitat Restoration
 Jyneen and George both discussed their recent surveying at the Brown's Creek
 Conservation Area.
- BCWD Board Activities
 The board has been discussing the district's permitting rules as they apply to single family homes and an upcoming potential stream restoration project for Brown's Creek at Brown's Creek Park.
- BCWD Apparel Order Anne, George, and Aimee will need to re-order apparel after their orders not being processed at the last ordering.
- 11) The meeting was adjourned at 7:55PM.