

FOSP January Board

Thursday, Jan 8, 2015, 5:30 pm

Albion Town Hall

**Welcome Called to order @ 5:40 pm**

**Attendance: Linda Lipinski, Katie Whitten, Matthew Miller, Kyle Richmond, John Steines, Derek Zimmer - ESD, David Ott, Kirsten Almo**

### **1. Announcements and Introductions**

Suspend agenda and move to item 4. Mapping activity

**2. Approval of previous meeting minutes** (minutes) / Motion Kirsten Almo, 2<sup>nd</sup> Kyle Richmond. Unan. Pass

**1a. Elect Interim Board Member - Postpone**

1b. Accept Donna Skau resignation – Postpone. Donna has accepted new full time position.

### **3. Reports**

a. Treasurer/Fundraising (Donna)

i. Officers having access to FOSP account.

ii. Relocating FOSP account – BCCU in Edgerton. Kirsten motion to move account to Blackhawk Community Credit Union (BCCU) – Edgerton, 2<sup>nd</sup> Katie. PO Box access needed as well. Motion (Kyle) nominating Kirsten as Interim Treasurer. John 2<sup>nd</sup>. Approved.

b. Outreach/communications

i. Website email – Kyle & Kirsten to meet to solve.

ii. Documents to link to website – Kyle & Kirsten to meet to solve.

iii. Other items? Newsletter to go out this weekend with article on Ag Committee & Advisory Board photo.

c. Master Plan Tracking (John)

i. Alternate Park map and reviewing with Advisory Board (see item 4) – Group draft mapping breakout.

ii. Setting up meeting with County – Timeline proposal to move Master Plan along with target meet with County Mar 15-30. Motion to approve timeline – Kirsten. 2<sup>nd</sup> – Kyle. Approved. Katie to contact County (Rhea) asap to inform of vetting plan in progress.

iii. 2015 public outreach master plan – yes, after sharing with county. Start with focus groups and partners. Hold off public event until County included in process as matter of respect. Once that happens, public events need to be scheduled.

d. Grower Partners/Ag Committee (Katie, Kirsten & John)

i. Draft review of Policies & Procedures well received to date. Needs completion by Feb meeting and review at Ag Committee Feb 17.

ii. 2015 ag land use planning for 16 acres – Kettle north of Homestead removed form cover crop research and placed into cover crop/learning center garden and soils research.

iii. Soil research project (Matthew Miller) – resolved at Ag Committee. No barriers to proceed

iv. Park area gardens – Postponed (discussed informally). John would like to work with Linda on this.

v. Planning for fencing &/or orchards – Develop roadmap regarding implementation for February meeting to discuss.

e. Organization (Kyle)

i. Officer elections? Postponed until February

ii. New Board member recruitment: Dawn Matlak application. Derrick (ESD School Board member) application. Betty Townsend application. All up for approval in February.

iii. Report on meeting with SWAG – Evansville group looking for land to begin conventional/learning center and horse/cattle arena. Lots of conventional farming backing. Lots of room for synergies. FOSP shared ideas about neighboring lands which might be available. SWAG would prefer Interstate access. Also expect to have water and sewer both of which don't exist at Silverwood & Albion Township.

iv. Setting general Advisory Board meeting, and separate committee meetings for Programming (Katie & Kirsten), Master Plan Review (John) & Organizational Growth (Kyle).

v. County/FOSP MOU – County still developing. Not forwarded.

4. Creating an alternative Silverwood Park map for master plan discussion. Completed.

5. Next Board meeting: Saturday, February 7, 1 pm, location tbd.