



Meeting Minutes

Sunday, May 31st, 2026

Location: Dunn Brothers (first floor meeting room)

Attendance: Steve Erler, Bob Tacke, Jim Marrs, Karin McEwan, Kerri Seemann

The meeting began at 1:05 pm.

Old & New Business

Vandalism: The meeting began with a discussion of the vandalism that occurred over Memorial Day weekend at Chatham. The damage to our property consisted mostly of the brochure box (which was shattered and the metal stand bent out-of-shape) and one of the new yard signs is missing. Because there was also damage to the port-a-potty by the ballfield, we do not believe that this was related to our restoration work.

Action Item (AI): Bob will try bending the stand back into shape and Kerri will research the cost of ordering a replacement box, with discussion about ordering to take place over email.

Treasurer's Report: Steve gave a description of our bank balance (after ordering checks) and the funds being held for us by the Arden Hills Foundation.

Action Item (AI): Steve will send a (belated) thank you note to our donor.

Great River Greening: Steve led a discussion of the work that Great River Greening has done and the grant proposal that they've submitted for additional work in Chatham, starting in 2027. We would like to better understand the scope of the proposed work; perhaps we could get answers at the July PTRC meeting.

Plant Cages: Kerri is looking for plant cages to protect small trees and shrubs that she would like to plant in Chatham.

Action Item (AI): Jim will text Kerri if he finds some.

PW Storm Water Management: There was a discussion of the Public Works culvert replacement/erosion management/trail repair that will occur at Chatham later this year. We would like to know how the city wants to handle the vegetation along the upper portion of the gully. (We were told not to plant within 20' to allow access when work eventually happens, but have concerns about erosion if it is sprayed but not seeded OR weed management if it is not sprayed.)

Buckthorn Spraying: There was a discussion of recent communication with the city. (Swearingen wanted to know our plan since the Parks Manager will be leaving shortly.) I had submitted a map of the areas that need spraying and concerns that it could not be done in a single day (and also noted that some spots are always missed and a follow-up a month later would be ideal). While discussing areas, Steve noted that he already spread grass seed along the slope between the cottonwood grove and the trail (which still needs spraying), so it is essential that glyphosate NOT be used... only triclopyr.

Action Item (AI): Kerri will continue to communicate with Public Works about our spraying needs.

The meeting ended at 2:25 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, July 26th, 1-3pm: Dunn Brothers (first floor)