



Meeting Minutes

Sunday, July 26th, 2026

Location: Dunn Brothers (first floor meeting room)

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

The meeting began at 1:05 pm.

Old & New Business

Communication Issues: We discussed the results of Public Works grinding the buckthorn piles in Chatham and how the results did not match what we had discussed with Jeff & Jessica back in April. Some areas that had been planted were destroyed. The caged trees/shrubs were not affected.

Action Item (AI): Kerri will need to submit a receipt for the serviceberry for reimbursement.

Great River Greening: Becca will be presenting at a City Council work session on Monday, July 26th. It will include the proposal for buckthorn remediation in Chatham, to begin in fall of 2027. We discussed the total cost of the project vs. the city's responsibility, which was not entirely clear. We also discussed attending the work session to show support for the project. As a side note, Emily (Council Member Rousseau) would like Steve to give her a tour of Chatham; if possible, Bob & Kerri might tag along.

Fall Intentions: We discussed the earlier spraying map that was submitted (too large of an area) and tried to narrow down our top priorities, as part of a discussion of where we want to focus on cutting this fall. Those choices (and what spraying is actually done) will affect where we can seed in late fall. And we needed to figure out how large of an area that might be so that we can order more grass seed, since we're down to 5#. While speculating about the cost, we considered requesting funding from the city to help cover part of the cost of ordering seed. (The previous batch of bulk grass seed was approved by the city council and paid for by the city.) We estimated that we'd need ~40# (2 acres @ 20#/acre) of wild rye + supplemental species and we only have ~\$300.

Action Item (AI):

- Kerri will update the spraying map and email it to both Bob & Steve, one of whom will coordinate with Jeff.
- Kerri will put together a proposed seed order in the coming week. Steve will ask Emily for advice on how to request support from the city.

Donations: Steve prepared a thank you for the earlier donation and collected a copy of the bee flyer (printed using donated funds) to include with it. Kerri reported that we should also have a donation to watch for; Maria's employer donates \$20 for every hour of employee volunteering. She worked 1.5 hours so far and intends to do more this year. If Arlene doesn't notify Steve of the contributions, then he may need to check in later this year.

Brochure Boxes: The cost of ordering two replacement boxes is ~\$44. Those in attendance approved the expenditure.

Action Item (AI): Now that the vandalism seems to have stopped, Kerri will bring a brochure box back out to Chatham after this heat wave passes. Kerri will also order the replacements and bring the receipt to the Sept. meeting for reimbursement.

Other Action Item (AI): Steve will work on registering the Arden Hills Greening name with the state.

The meeting ended at 2:40 pm.

NEXT MEETING: Sunday, Sept. 27th, the time and room to be determined later