

**Franklin County Conservation Board  
Monthly Meeting Minutes of  
May 8, 2017**

**Board Members present:** Brian Tegtmeyer, Tony Stadlander, Jon Petersen, Sandy Eckhardt

**Board Members absent:** Bruce Harris

**Staff Members present:** Ned Parker

**Guests present:** None

**Meeting called to order:** 6:35 p.m. @ Conservation Department Office by Tony, President Pro-Tem

**Public Participation:** None

**Review & Approve Minutes:**

Brian moved to approve the minutes of May 8, 2017, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.

**Appointments:** None

**Old Business:**

- 1) **Robinson Addition demolition:** LeRoy Brandt of Ackley is in the process of tearing down the Robinson house.
- 2) **Robinson Park campground update:** All 12 camp sites are in, electricity is on & the gravel is down - just need to finish up the "hands-on" dirt work.

**New Business:**

- 1) **Discuss horse riding at County areas:** Discussed whether riding horses should be allowed in County Parks. There have been problems with horse riders tearing up the parks when it's wet. Horse riding is now allowed at Maynes Grove. Do we have a written policy? Land purchased with habitat stamp dollars prohibits uses that may interfere with hunting/wildlife. This covers a majority of our wildlife areas. We will install "No Horse" signs were needed and revisit should problems continue.
- 2) **Review quotes for Utility vehicles:** We may have enough money left in the budget to replace the 2010 red Polaris Ranger - have had numerous problems with it & would like to find a replacement. Ned received quotes for (3) 4 x 4 basic packages. We will wait until June to check the budget & decide then whether or not to purchase an ATV/UTV.
- 3) **Discuss options for future use of the Robinson Addition:** Discussed ideas for future uses of the Robinson Addition - nature center, new location for Conservation Department Shop, campground.
- 4) **Any other new business:**  
Planted more trees & prairie plugs at WKW Park.

Ned received the agreement for the Conservation Fair Booth from the Fair board today - we will review the new agreement in June & make a decision.

Conservation Staff will be installing electric fence at Maynes Grove so Chad can take his goats out to do weed patrol. We will have our June meeting at Maynes to see how the goats are doing!!

Pedal & Putt will be held June 24<sup>th</sup>??

We have 3 seasonal employees this year - George, Alex & Dillon (intern)

**Approve bills:** Brian moved to pay bills, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed.

**Adjourn:** Brian moved to adjourn, Sandy 2<sup>nd</sup>, all ayes, motion passed. Meeting adjourned at 7:45 p.m.

**Next meeting date will be  
June 12, 2017  
@ the Franklin County Conservation Department Office**

Respectfully submitted,  
Sandy Eckhardt  
Sandy Eckhardt, Franklin County Conservation Board Secretary