

DeKalb Park District Trails and Trees Committee

Wednesday, December 18, 2013

Prairie Park

401 Clifford Dr.

1:00 p.m.

1. **Meeting Called to Order.** The meeting was called to order at 1:05 p.m., with Keith Nyquist, Phil Young, Brad Garrison, and Josh Clark present.
2. **Approval of Agenda.** Phil Young moved to approve the agenda. Seconded by Brad Garrison. All voted aye in a voice vote.
3. **Business from the Floor.** None.
4. **Old Business**
 - a. **Discussion of Proposed Bike Path Location through Prairie Park.** Garrison and Clark reported that they had visited the site of the proposed bike path since the last committee meeting on November 15, 2013, and the District had tentatively marked a proposed trail that would follow closer to the Kishwaukee River than that proposed initially by the City of DeKalb. A trail closer to the train tracks had been considered, but it was reported that the City objected to it since the path would have passed through a flood plain. After walking the length of the newly-marked trail, the group agreed to inform the City that the new path, in principle, would be acceptable. Josh Clark also reported that in certain cases the District would be able to transfer some smaller desirable trees in the direct line of the path to other locations in the District.
5. **New Business**
 - a. **Presentation of NIU Department of Geography's GIS Mapping of the DeKalb Nature Trail.** Phil Young presented a study conducted by students of NIU's Department of Geography. The goal of the study was to identify each of the bushes planted in April 2013 by ComEd along the Nature Trail, and for the District to use this information to enhance maintenance of the trail. The study revealed that 550 bushes in total had been planted, with 16 species being selected.
6. **Adjourn Public Meeting.** Phil Young moved to adjourn, seconded by Josh Clark. All voted aye.

The meeting concluded at 1:55p.m.