

OPEN SPACE ADVISORY COMMITTEE
ABBREVIATED MINUTES
July 10, 2014
4:00 – 6:00 pm

Present:

Deke Tidwell
Rob Erickson
Anna Noson
Ethel MacDonald
Gerhard Knudsen
Dan Spencer

Jenny Tollefson
Bert Lindler
Kevin Verlanic, Park Board Rep
Tim Aldrich
Gabe Millar

Absent:

Matt Barnes

Also Present: Elizabeth Erickson, Open Space Manager, Jim Habeck, citizen

Minutes of June 2014: moved to approve minutes with the addition of Dan Spencer attending.
Note: Field trip for August meeting.

Elizabeth Erickson reviewed with the committee several parcels for possible purchase. First parcel is along the Kim Williams trail; is approximately 35 acres; currently owned by a law firm. The property is on the FEMA map, has low land riparian habitat and vegetation. There is a good view shed from across the river. This would need a formal appraisal to move forward. The area is not buildable but the purpose would be to have contiguous land, protect the river and riparian zone. It would also help with management of conservation lands in the area. Currently CLM staff is managing for weeds around the property. There are some questions as to public access and water rights.

The question to the committee is how to proceed; do an informal rough cut and wait for appraisal? The committee members all agreed to do a rough cut evaluation after the field trip. Erickson will see if she can get an actual purchase price from the owners.

Second parcel is west of town; close to Tower Street conservation area. This is the area next to newly leased popular farm. There is an old bridge piling which could be used for bike pedestrian access. Erickson did not have the exact acreage or value. The owners are willing to get rid of all or a part of the island area.

Verlanic – this is a key connector to continue on west, helps with keeping vision alive.

McDonald – OSAC has had their eye on this area because of trail easement, but to get the whole island would be great.

There is also possible connection to site due to JTL rezone request.

The committee was excited about the possibility of this acquisition and decided to do a field trip to the property in September.

The meeting adjourned at 6:00.