

BOARD MEMBERS PRESENT

Sue Camilleri, Jacquelynn Brown, Amanda Scovel

BOARD MEMBERS ABSENT

Marie Hauswirth, Roman Wasylkevych

OTHERS PRESENT

None

CALL MEETING TO ORDER

Camilleri called the meeting to order at 7:05PM
Roll call to confirm who was present

1. Assess the Riverwalk

1.1 **General Maintenance** such as heaved asphalt, tree trimming & brush removal, mowing of the verge, etc. to be completed each year –

- **Heaved Asphalt** : about 20feet near the Lockwood of Waterford access point
- **Tree Trimming** : Spring & Fall Clean-up efforts to cut back dead growth on trees and remove brush as needed
- **Mow Verge** : especially in the Spring & Summer
- **Cracked Asphalt** : to be assessed & filled before each winter
- **Trash cans** : currently are non maintained by the Township. The trash cans along the south side of the Riverwalk are maintained by the adjacent shopping center

1.2 **Wish List Items**

- **Signage** : for Parking for all main access points –
 - o Buffalo Wild Wings
 - o Boston Market
 - o Planet Fitness (rear entrance)
- **Easement** on Riverside Elementary school yard to take the Riverwalk to the neighborhood
- **Fence** : remove and replace the green chain-link fence along M-59 (near Boston Market) with attractive blue fencing
- **Stumps** : north of the Planet Fitness access point, on the west side of the walk, near the excessive patch of phragmites look ugly. Consider grinding them down.
- **Information Stations** : along the walk about the river such as native plants, birds, turtles, etc.

1.3 **To-Do Items**

- **Easement** : to be located for space along the medical buildings north of M-59 (Dr. Rapp)
- **Invasive Species** : secure grant funding for the removal of invasive species
 - o **Phragmites** is an invasive species that has been identified along the Riverwalk. The bridge by Boston Market and just north of the access point behind Planet Fitness are the most invaded spaces by this plant. A plan of attack needs to be in place. Possibly work with PAMF (Phragmites Adaptive Management Framework) a Great Lakes Phragmites Collaborative. <https://www.greatlakesphragmites.net/pamf/>
 - o **Grape Vines** are out of control and “choking” out natural vegetation along the river walk. Especially on the North side from Boston Market to behind Planet Fitness. Possibly

some invasive **Bittersweet** mixed with the Grape Vines. Grape Vines are not considered invasive, per se, but do need to be controlled.

- **Final Phase** : complete final phase of Riverwalk –
 - o **Pave** the north end of the Riverwalk out to Crescent Lake Road
 - o **Crosswalk** at Crescent Lake Road & Tubbs Road to be upgraded by the Township
 - o **Pave** the expansion site from Crescent Lake Road to the Drayton Plains Nature Center
 - o **Bridge** over the river leading into the Drayton Plains Nature Center
- **River-Run** : event idea proposed by Brown (to be further developed)
