

Grand Prairie Chapter of the Illinois Native Plant Society

Meeting minutes – Saturday, March 24, 2018

9 a.m. – Heartland Bank Community Room

Joe Armstrong, chapter president, presiding

Meeting attendance: 9 Membership: approx. 32

Minutes from December 2, 2017 meeting – approved by those present

Business discussed –

- Need to nominate and elect a chapter vice president. Proposed further discussion of the matter at future meeting.
- Proposed date for chapter annual meeting and social – Saturday, June 2 at Armstrong's house. Further details to follow.
- The chapter received updates on restoration projects at Hidden Creek in Normal and the section of Sugar Creek on and near the ISU campus. Members discussed possible chapter involvement in those ongoing projects.
- Chapter members also discussed possible collaboration with homeowners who have property adjacent to Constitution Trail. Projects discussed include clearing of invasive species and planting of native species on areas facing the trail.
- Discussions on all projects above emphasized selecting a defined role for the chapter and also ways of obtaining/paying for native plants or seeds for such projects.
- The need for a plant survey on Parklands' Hays property was also mentioned as a potential volunteer opportunity for chapter members with appropriate expertise.
- The INPS will be holding its annual gathering June 8-10. Discussions will continue as to whether the Grand Prairie Chapter may be able to host the gathering in 2019.
- Joe Armstrong also created Grand Prairie Chapter bookmarks for distribution at an April 24 Wild Ones-sponsored event featuring a lecture by ecologist Douglas Tallamy.

The meeting was adjourned at 9:58 a.m.