

**University of Wisconsin Education, Extension and Agriculture Committee**  
**Thursday, November 21<sup>st</sup>, 2013**  
**James P. Coughlin Center – Volunteer Room**

**Members Present:** Guy Hegg, Susan Locke, Tom Snider, Tom Widener

**UW-Extension Staff:** Kim Miller, Leonard Polzin, Catherine Neiswender, Chris Kniep

**Meeting called to order** at 9:00a.m. by Vice Chair Guy Hegg.

**Comments from the Public related to items on the agenda** - none

**Approval of Minutes: August 15, 2013 and October 17, 2013 minutes**

Widener moved to approve the August 15 (short version) and October 17 minutes. Snider seconded. Motion carried.

**Storage Up-date and possible action:** Kniep shared the agreement drafted and signed by the Parks, Facilities and UWEX Department Heads. Parks Committee has asked the maintenance item be further clarified. The final agreement will be shared with the Extension Committee in December. Committee members complimented the cooperation of the departments involved.

**Program Reports:**

**Community Resource Development:** Catherine Neiswender highlighted her work with the City of Menasha and the Menasha Action Council. Jessica Beckendorf shared information on the work she is doing in Omro regarding downtown business development. Up-coming programs include work with the Plan Commission and a Civility Workshop.

**Youth and Science:** Leonard Polzin reviewed his work with afterschool programs, the three UW-Oshkosh interns supporting these efforts and National Youth Science Day. These programs focus on Science, Technology, Engineer and Math (STEM) or agriculture topics. Polzin is also working with Nick Schneider and the secondary Agriculture Educators in the county to increase knowledge/awareness of agriculture.

**Horticulture:** Kimberly Miller provided an up-date on Emerald Ash Borer – its presence in the county and efforts targeting its control. This work includes collaborating with DNR and municipalities regarding identification, treatment and disposal of wood. Currently there is no county plan for addressing the removal/disposal of infested wood or tree replacement.

**Vice Committee Chair Report:** Hegg asked that Kristi Cutts provide an up-date from the Agriculture newsletter on efforts targeting farm families on the Affordable Care Act at an up-coming meeting.

**UW-Extension-Administration:** Kniep

- 2014 meeting dates – committee agreed to keep the 3<sup>rd</sup> Thursday at 9:00 a.m.
- Evan Groth has been hired as a Nutrition Educator for the WNEP program and Kris Soper is on FMLA until mid December. The remaining WNEP position will remain open until the Farm Bill passes.
- Nick Schneider was recognized by his program area with the Mentor of the Year Award
- Catherine Neiswender completed training for the Peer Support Network
- A statewide marketing/branding effort is underway
- UW-Oshkosh hosted a multi-state Collegiate 4-H meeting
- UWEX is not requesting fair ribbons be returned – Kniep asked committee members to share this information with others

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- 4-H Club membership in an Omro area club has been addressed by the state program leader as well as local staff – Kniep asked that related questions be directed to her

**Comments by Committee Members:**

No comments

**Next Meeting:** December 19, 2013, 9:00 a.m.

Widener motioned to adjourn; seconded by Snider. Motion passed 4-0.

**Adjourned:** 10:30 a.m.

Respectfully submitted by:  
Chris Kniep, Recording Secretary