



Meeting Minutes - Draft HABITAT STEWARDSHIP SUBCOMMITTEE (Parks)

*Consider: Who benefits? Who is burdened?
Who does not have a voice at the table?
How can policymakers mitigate unintended consequences?*

Tuesday, May 12, 2026

4:30 PM

Virtual

1 Call to Order/Roll Call

A meeting of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee was held virtually at 4:30 PM on Tuesday, May 12, 2026. Chair Sean Gere called the meeting to order at 4:32 PM. A quorum was present and the meeting was properly noticed.

Members Present: Bethany Alwa; Tim Astfalk; Sean Gere; Stephanie Judge; and Brock Woods.

Parks Staff Present: Chad Hughes; Hannah Quinlan; and Nataliya Akulenko.

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Approval of the Minutes of the February 10, 2026 Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee Meeting

Motion made by Woods, seconded by Astfalk, to Approve the Minutes. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

3 [92424](#)

Public Comment

There were no registrants for public comment,

4 Disclosures and Recusals

None.

5 [93080](#)

Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee Chair Election

Motion made by Astfalk, seconded by Judge, to elect Sean Gere as the Chair of the Habitat Stewardship Subcommittee. Motion passed by voice vote/other

6 [93027](#)

2025 Parks Pesticide Report

Conservation Resource Supervisor Hannah Quinlan presented the Report. Motion made by Judge, seconded by Woods, to Approve. Motion passed by voice vote/other.

7 [92987](#)

Informational overview of Habitat Management Plan for Heritage Sanctuary Conservation Park

Conservation Resource Supervisor Hannah Quinlan presented the Plan. Quinlan and Operations Manager Chad Hughes answered questions.

8 [92988](#)

Presentation on Tick Control Research Methods

Tela Sembsch, Research Specialist with the Midwest Center of Excellence on Vector-Borne Disease, spoke on tick control and answered questions.

9 Adjournment

Motion made by Woods, seconded by Judge, to Adjourn at 5:50 PM. Motion passed by voice vote/other.