

**Avon Hills Initiative Executive Board Meeting**  
**October 29, 2008, 4:45 p.m.**  
**Room 150, New Science Center, Saint John's University**

Board members present: Peter Dwyer, Lowell Rushmeyer, Karen Bobeldyk, Mike Leedahl, Steve Plantenberg

Staff members present: Tom Kroll, Bill Fahrney

Guests: Brian Jungels

**1. January 24 Conference & Annual Meeting**

Schedule is set, registration information is available on the web site. Board authorized buying advertisements in relation to the event in the local media.

**2. Logo Design**

Following discussion of the two logo designs provided, the board authorized Peter Dwyer to meet with designer John Biasi to finalize the new logo. The group was generally in favor of the more square design.

**3. Initiative Award Nominations**

The nominations include:

Business: DH Blattner, Inc.; the motion to approve was seconded and passed

Conservation & Land Stewardship: Mark & Joan Strobel; the motion to approve was seconded and passed

Public Service: Stearns County Board & ES Staff; motion to approve was seconded and passed

Lifetime Award: Francis & Karen Schellinger; motion to approve was seconded and passed

**4. Stearns County Ordinances**

Steve Plantenberg reported that the last two months have focused on farmland. The next meeting starts to look at the Avon Hills area and will work towards more preservation of open space while allowing good yield plan for the developers. The long-term goal is to integrate Avon & Colledgeville townships zoning to mesh with the new county regulations.

**5. Conservation Easements**

About 12 landowners have been visited.

**6. Adopt-a-highway**

The department of transportation did not accept the application to adopt CR 51 between CR 2 and CR 159 due to the upcoming construction but the AHI is first on the list to adopt that section of road after construction is complete.

**7. Prof. Chris Butters**

Prof. Butters is a Sustainable Design expert from Norway & will be a visiting professor at SJU in

spring 2009. He is interested in being of service to local governments and organizations during his time here.

**Next meeting: Wednesday, February 25 at 4:45 in SJU New Science 150 (unless a quick meeting in January is necessary before the Conference and Annual Meeting).**