

Avon Hills Initiative Executive Committee Meeting
June 25, 2008
Room 150, New Science Center, Saint John's University

Present: Allan Davisson, Tom Kroll, Lowell Rushmeyer, Peter Dwyer, Mike Leedahl and Bill Fahrney

January 2009 Annual Meeting

A date is being confirmed by Tom Kroll. The topic HOT AIR IN THE HILLS was suggested, but not adopted, hoping we can do better. Next meeting of planning committee is July 9, 2009 at 2 PM in SJU Natural History Museum. More volunteers are welcome!

LCCMR grant update

A report was made on a meeting at SJU with Jon Peck and Sarah Strommen from MN Land trust. We are beginning to contact landowners who may be interested to discuss conservation easements. We need to be thank State Representatives Larry Hosch and Larry Haws for this and their work on the new tax classification for open space preservation.

CapX2020

Tom reported on a meeting in Melrose where the administrative Law Judge was taking testimony on need, not routing yet. Indications are that routes other than Avon Hills are being considered.

AHI Newsletter

The next newsletter is planned to be mailed to 3,000+ landowners and residents in 4 township by end of July. Articles will include:

- a. Stearns Comp Plan Adoption and proposed ordinance reviews Draft by Stearns Environmental Service staff Heidi or Jennifer
- b. LCCMR grant and MN Land Trust draft by Sarah Strommen
- c. Avon Area Arts draft by Jackie Leedahl
- d. New tax Classification for open space preservation The Larry Hosch bill
- e. CapX2020 update Darrin Lahr Xcell
- f. November 2008 constitutional ammendment for conservation and arts
- g. Promotion ad for January 2009 AHI Annual Meeting
- h. CSAH 51 Improvements Plan for 2009 Mitch Anderson
- i. other?

Bill will get bulk mail permit at Avon Post Office

City of Saint Joseph

Tom reported on annexation plans and potential effect on Avon Hills We sent them a letter.

A discussion on Wind Towers

Next meeting July 30, 2008 4:45 PM