

MADWA BOARD MEETING
Tuesday, July 24, 2018

Present: Tom MacGibbon, Secretary; Rosanne Miller, Treasurer; Erin O'Leary, Prairie Restorations

Location: Tom MacGibbon's home, 2355 Lehman Ln NE & throughout neighborhood
Meeting began: 7:30 a.m.

Meeting Goals

The MADWA board would like to learn which plants and trees are supposed to grow here and which plants require low maintenance.

Prairie Restorations' Services

- Create plans
- Install plants
- Maintain plantings over three years, which is required to guarantee the plants.
- Prairie Restorations does not remove rock or plantings

Observations

Garden rock is stressful for shrubs.

The transitions between native plants and regular grass will have more weeds. Larger native areas are more resistant to weeds.

Concerns

Lawn chemicals, including pre-emergents, will kill flower species in the garden.

Thistle and clover must be avoided.

The current irrigation system may affect how we proceed.

Options to phase in natives

- Install a pond buffer of native plants along the Coon Creek Watershed. If we do not excavate or move dirt, the work should be approved. A minimum width of 5 feet is desired.
- Install a large wedge-shaped native area near the mailboxes.
- Expand or connect areas around trees and install savannah plants (that need some sun).

At the Rock Wall Behind 2283 & 2289

- Use aquatic safe herbicide to spray current plants, which are not desirable
- Spread a seed mixture or plant plugs in the rocks

Proposals

Erin O'Leary will create three native plant proposals: for the wetland, at the rock pond, and a wedge garden near the mailboxes. She will suggest plants for foundation gardens.

The meeting ended at 9:00 a.m.