

# **AGENDA ADDENDUM**

## **LAND INFORMATION COMMITTEE**

**DATE:** Monday, July 13, 2015

**TIME:** 10:00 a.m.

**PLACE:** Governor Tommy Thompson State Park – N10008 Paust Lane - Crivitz

### **AGENDA ADDITION**

- Discuss/consider acceptance of \$500.00 donation from Wisconsin Land + Water Conservation Association for Sand Lake Conservation Camp. Action, if any.
- Report by Land Information Staff
  - Grand Opening of the Children’s Learning Garden on Saturday, July 25, 2015 from 9am to 1pm. (Rain date is Sunday, July 26, 2015).
- Tour of Governor Tommy Thompson State Park, Town of Stephenson.
- Lunch at Governor Tommy Thompson State Park, Town of Stephenson.

Alice Baumgarten  
Clancy Whiting  
Renee Miller

Ted Sauve  
Robert Holley

Gilbert Engel  
Mary Noll

Fred Meintz  
Kathy Brandt

*NOTE: Agenda items may not be considered and acted upon in the order listed*

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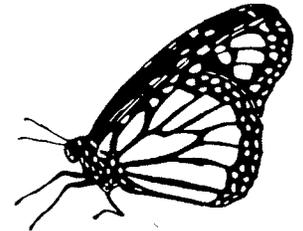
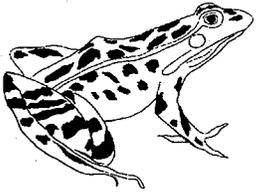
# \*GRAND OPENING\*

## Children's Learning Garden

at Harmony Arboretum Demonstration Gardens

Saturday, July 25th 9am - 1pm

Rain Date: Sunday, July 26th



Randy Korb - environmental presenter, educator and author will engage children with his amphibian and butterfly program that teaches biology and conservation through interactions with live critters. Bring the whole family to take part in these activities and many more that encourage children to explore and observe nature.

***Explore the Learning Garden***

*Insect Hotel*

*Beaver Lodge & Pond*

*Hedge Maze*

*Sensory Garden*

*Prairie House*

*Pirate Ship*

*Sandbox*

***Chipmunk Underground Tunnel***

There is no charge to attend. Food & Drinks will be available as a 4-H club fundraiser.

This event is sponsored by:

***UW  
Extension***

University of Wisconsin-Extension



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# History of Harmony Arboretum

Harmony Arboretum is a 496 acre parcel managed by the Marinette County Land Information Department. The entrance is located about 1/4 mile south of Highway 64 on the east side of County E. The property consists of agricultural fields, old fields, horticultural demonstration areas, a prairie, and a large forested area. The forest contains a block of “old growth” that escaped the Peshtigo Fire 1871. One hundred and twenty-six acres of the property are rented to local agricultural producers. Part of the rental revenue is used for property improvements.

The Marinette County Land and Water Conservation Department took over administration of the property from the Forestry Department in 1998. At that time, the site of the current demonstration gardens was already maintained by the Northern Lights Master Gardeners Association and the Marinette County UW-Extension. The Chappee Rapids Chapter of the Audubon Society maintained the Harmony Hardwoods Memorial Forest Trail. The relationship with these two groups is stronger than ever. Harmony would not be what it is today without their hard work and financial support. Harmony Arboretum is a great example of what can happen when service groups, private citizens, and local government work together.

A Harmony Timeline – Selected important project that made Harmony Arboretum

2000 – Master Gardeners paid for drilling of a **well** to provide water for drinking and watering of plants in the demonstration garden. Utilizing a grant from the Natural Resources Conservation Service, a 17 acre **demonstration prairie** was installed. WDNR staff have completed several prescribed burns to maintain the parcel as prairie.

2002 – Using mostly volunteer labor, the Land & Water Conservation Department (LWCD) staff led the construction of the **Harmony Pavilion**.

2003 – The **pavilion** was completed.

2005 – Utilized a US Fish and Wildlife Service grant to replace a failing and undersized culvert on Sucker Brook with a safer **bridge** that did not impede fish passage.

2006 – 2008 – Haunted Harmony event held on the property. Installed a deer proof **fence** around the demonstration garden area.

2007 – Installed the **parking lot** and bus **turn around**. Finalized first demonstration garden **Master Plan**.

2009 – Nature and Horticulture Seminar Series began. For 2015, twenty-five events are planned. Construction began on the **Children’s Learning Garden**.

2010 – Installed a demonstration **wetland** in the demonstration garden.

2012 – A donated **greenhouse** was attached to the pavilion by Master Gardeners.

2013 – The Children’s Garden **Tunnel**, including an 8’ X 32’ wildlife mural (painted by a local artist) was installed by Master Gardeners. The **Enabling Garden** was completed

2014 – The Audubon Society provided 40+ man hours to maintain the Hardwoods Interpretive Trail and install a **bridge** over an eroded area. An Eagle Scout also built a small **kiosk** at the trail head and several “Adirondack” style **benches** for hikers to use.

2015 – Hardwoods interpretive trail **brochure and signage** updated. A model beaver dam and lodge is nearing completion in the demonstration garden. Creation of the new **Master Plan** is underway.