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## **Invasive Plants Committee Minutes**

**Ron & Lisa Ellis – Putnam County**  
**Monday, August 8, 2011 – 5:00 p.m.**

Raoul Moore, Chair

Keith Ruble, V. Chair

Bev Pestel, Secretary

Attendance; Lisa and Ron Ellis, Carol Koenig, Jim Spence, Karen Staub, Raoul Moore

I. The meeting was called to order by Raoul at 5:05

II. Minutes of the June 6, 2011 meeting were approved: Karen 1<sup>st</sup>, Jim 2<sup>nd</sup>

III. Old Business:

A. CWMA

1. Update: Nothing new

2. CWMA County Events: Montgomery County, Sept 17. STRCD is partnering with CWMA, NICHES, Pheasants Forever, Friends of Sugar Creek, Crawfordsville Park and Recreation on an Education/Field Day. Raoul is trying to use it as a fund raiser as well as field day.

B. Dobbs Park Events (Bev) tabled

C. STRC&D Woods Update/Events: Due to pending cost share requests, invasive control activities are on hold until we can see if we get approval for cost share.

D. Signage for Invasive Control: The prototype 60MPH sign should be done by next month.

IV. New Business:

A. New sightings: No new species reported

B. Update on new tools/techniques/general information:

Raoul got two hand pullers that might also be tied to an ATV. He noted that the top 20 feet of a Winter Creeper that he had found this spring and removed the bottom 10 feet had died, perhaps from the drought.

### C. Upcoming Events

1. Strategic Planning for IPC: We need to use the woods for outreach and to recruit volunteer labor. Involving youth groups and schools are a good way to get young people involved with nature and us.
2. STRC&D Board Questionnaire to be followed with a IPC questionnaire: Questions could be: Do you have IPs, Do you want to get rid of IPs, Do you need/want help (edu, ID, labor), When would you like above?
3. Friends of Turkey Run have control events planned for Sept 17<sup>th</sup>, Oct 2, and Nov 13.
4. Matt Jarvis emailed Raoul with a cost share opportunity for the IPC on Manhattan Road, 8 acres. If we do this job, we need to do good mapping and record conditions and exact techniques used. Raoul will pursue this opportunity with Matt.

V. Next Meeting Plans: 1<sup>st</sup> Monday is Labor Day so Sept. 12 at St John's Church

VI. Adjourn 6:15

Minutes taken by Raoul Moore.