

4-14-09 Meeting Notes

- ✦ **PLAT Volunteer Project K** - Thanks to the PLAT team members for a successful volunteer project over the weekend of April 11 & 12 to help homeowner K treat his 30 acres of Hemlocks for the HWA. Twenty volunteers participated, including LC members, parents, friends, and NGCSU students. A donation of \$4,487 was received in exchange for services provided, to be used charitably as requested by the donor to help other homeowners and public domains treat their Hemlocks.
- ✦ **Use of PLAT Funds** - it was suggested that public domain sites such as churches, schools, libraries, parks, and other city and county properties be offered free service and chemicals to treat Hemlocks. The chemicals would be paid for from designated PLAT funds such as those received above.
- ✦ **Water Monitoring** - In order for the water monitoring initiative to continue, Tom Lamb requested \$1000 to recharge the existing test kits, purchase a few additional kits, and send out a targeted direct mail to solicit participants.
- ✦ **HemlockFest 2009 Budget** - Initial figures were presented for certain aspects of HemlockFest, including puppetry (\$500 approved), registration and fees, signage, advertising, t-shirts and other festival merchandise, entertainment, sound equipment, additional or replacement tents, beer and wine, educational activities for kids, venue improvement, and rental of chairs, tables, light, port-a-johns. Forest requested a copy of the 2008 income and expense figures to use for refining the categories and budget amounts for presentation at the May meeting.
- ✦ **Sierra Club Concern** - Larry Winslett presented the Sierra Club's concern about the possible relationship between imidacloprid and the phenomenon of honeybee hive collapse. Larry agreed to work with Donna Shearer to research this issue as it specifically relates to soil injection to treat Hemlocks for the HWA and craft an information statement to post on LC's web site.