

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting Held on Thursday, August 16, 2018

Members Present: Driessen, Gertz, Kalupa, McGinnis, McSorley, Pautz, VanBerkel

Absent/Excused: Hietpas, McGregor

Also Present: Deb Nowak, Maureen Feldt & Stephanie Feuerstein

The meeting was called to order by Chairman, McSorley at 6:33 p.m. Quorum is present. Gertz made a motion to accept the July minutes. Second by Kalupa. Motion carried.

Financial Report

Nowak updated the Committee regarding VanBerkel's question regarding the higher than expected phone expenses and we discovered that Accounting was using 1000 Islands account number for all phone bills coming into the City. Accounting is looking into it further. McGinnis made a motion to approve the June financial report. Gertz second. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Report from the Friends of 1000 Islands

The Gift Shop money was stolen by a young man who jumped the counter. Police were notified and they identified him. He gave the money to his mother and she spent it already. Internal procedures modified to secure cash drawer at all times and discussion of potentially getting a gate to secure the open counter area when everyone is gone.

Naturalist's Report

Nowak introduced and welcomed Stephanie Feuerstein, 1000 Island's new Assistant Naturalist to the Committee.

Nowak stated that the Lawrence University's native bee habitat is installed at the far East end of the parking lot.

The Fairy Walk event is Aug. 27th and there will be a butterfly release auction. Anyone can bid on releasing a butterfly via on-line or at the Walk.

Admin/Finance Committee

VanBerkel reported on the sub-committee meeting to discuss the 2019 draft budget and that the sub-committee has approved it. VanBerkel reviewed the changes being proposed and recommended

approval by the Committee. Gertz made motion to accept and approve the sub-committees recommendation to approve the proposed 2019 budget for Nowak to submit to the City. Driessen seconded. Motion carried.

VanBerkel discussed the changes to the Smoking Policy and that a draft of the updated Policy will be ready for next month's Committee Meeting for everyone to review.

Education

Nowak and Feuerstein are working on future education programs and ideas for new programs as well as enhancing existing programs.

Buildings & Grounds

Nowak updated the Committee on the progress of installing the rat barrier—excavator is secured and the wire is ordered. Completing the project will depend on when the wire is delivered and the weather.

Twelve yards of mulch is delivered and will be spread around.

A new garbage/recycle bin is needed for the front entrance. Discussion on the type of new bin at a cost of \$620.94. Motion was made by Gertz to purchase the proposed garbage/recycle bin. Seconded by Driessen. Motion carried.

Old Business

Nowak updated the Committee on the progress to receive City approval to utilize goats on a trial basis to help eliminate invasive species that are present on the grounds. Nowak requested an approval from the Committee to proceed with the proposal to the City Council to approve a two-week trial period to have goats at 1000 Islands in a fenced in area to graze and eat buckthorn, etc. Driessen made a motion to grant approval to Nowak to proceed and approach the City Council to approve having goats on the property on a two-week trial basis. VanBerkel seconded. Motion carried.

New Business

Nothing.

Good for the Center

Picnic for new employees is scheduled for Sunday, Sept. 23rd at 3:00 p.m.

There being no further business, Gertz moved to adjourn the meeting. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:15 p.m.