

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting Held on Thursday, February 21, 2019

Members Present: Carlson, Gertz, Hietpas, McGinnis, McGregor, Pautz and VanBerkel

Absent/Excused: Driessen and McSorley

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Hietpas at 6:30 p.m. Quorum is present.

January 2019 Meeting Minutes

McGinnis made a motion to accept the January minutes as stated. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The January financial report was reviewed. Discussion on donations, phone bills and the line item for Reserved Equipment Replacement. VanBerkel made a motion to approve the January Financial Report. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Received a card and buttons from the National Eagle Center thanking us for being so understanding about Angel's attitude and lack of cooperation during Eagle Days.

Report from the Friends of 1000 Islands

Re-cap of the February Friends meeting with most discussion on the upcoming Art Fair. Other upcoming events: Sap collection/syrup making and Adopt-A-Highway clean-up in spring and fall. The Wolf Watershed is also looking for volunteers to help with the spring clean-up at 1000 Islands on Saturday, April 27th.

Naturalist's Report

Review of Eagle Days: Numbers were down, but everything went well despite the bitter cold. Best viewing was at sunset on the north side of the River by the mill.

Admin/Finance Committee

Reviewed Feb. 8th Sub-Committee minutes and discussed the Friends' representative on the Committee. Currently Hietpas is representing two people. Gertz made a motion to send a request to the City Council to add another person to the 1000 Islands Committee to create an odd number of members. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Pautz made a motion to approve the Sub-Committee's recommendation to adopt the City Personnel Policies & Employee Handbook to replace Policies 2.004 – 2.014 as well as 2.016 through 2.027A. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

CD Renewal: This is a "foil" CD for \$32,0000 with a renewal date of March 5th. A motion was made by VanBerkel to table this discussion until after the Education Sub-Committee discussion. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

After Education Committee discussion a motion was made by Gertz to not renew the CD when it comes due in anticipation of the 50th Anniversary celebration expenses. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion Carried.

Education

Discussed Sub-Committee meeting regarding the 50th Anniversary celebration plans. Initial thought is to have a family friendly day with activities, a dedication ceremony late afternoon with an adult social to follow. Thoughts of having the event on June 1st, but with timing issues an August date would be better. Will determine expected costs to further discuss at the March Committee meeting.

Buildings & Grounds

Discussion on access to the inside doors that now have locks on them. If necessary, a code can be added for someone to access a specific area.

McGinnis brought up the recent article in the paper regarding the Nelson Family's fund at the Community Foundation. This fund is named after Lewis Nelson who was once a mayor for the City of Kaukauna. The current Nelson Overlook is in need of repairs and we need to work with the City to develop a plan and budget for a grant request from the Nelson fund to replace the Overlook, steps, etc.

Old Business

History Book – Second draft to be delivered soon and to be proofed by March 20th.

New Business

Goats will be back this year June 10 – 21st and Sept. 23 – Oct. 4th. Discussion on the City's ordinance for allowing the goats again. Deb to contact Sally Kenney to get this request on an agenda for review and approval.

Good for the Center

Deb to talk with representative from the Community Foundation tomorrow to discuss a donor's wish to help 1000 Islands.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting will be Thursday, March 21, 2019.

There being no further business, VanBerkel moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by Carlson. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:37 p.m.

Maureen Feldt
Administrative Assistant