

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

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

Not Present: Driessen. McGinnis made a motion to excuse Driessen. McGregor seconded. Motion carried. Driessen arrived later during the meeting and took over for Hietpas.

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chairman, Hietpas at 6:34 p.m. Quorum is present.

February 2019 Meeting Minutes

Gertz made a motion to accept the February's minutes as stated. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

Financial Report

The final December 2018 financial report, the updated January report and February's report were reviewed. McGinnis made a motion to approve the financial reports. Seconded by McSorley. Motion carried.

Correspondence

The Center received a \$250 donation from Calmes Pub for money raised at a recent fishing tournament.

Report from the Friends of 1000 Islands

Re-cap of the March Friends meeting—Art Fair: Approximately 30 vendors reserved spots; Gift Shop: Will be turning this over to 1000 Islands to manage; Maple Syrup: Sap is flowing and currently eight batches behind in cooking.

Naturalist's Report

Review of Nowak's report.

Admin/Finance Committee

Sub-committee met on March 18th and discussed Resolutions and conservancy zone boundaries /property lines. Need to look for documentation on what constitutes the "conservancy zone". Also looking at City files for all Resolutions pertaining to 1000 Islands. By-laws reviewed to determine which ones need to be updated by committee.

Current phone bill is over \$400. Checking into to determine if this is an error or what is going on.

Education

A new interactive game, Logs & Ladders, will be set up in the updated WI Conservation Room. The game is similar to Shoots & Ladders but with a nature theme. Funding for this game was discussed and a motion was made by McSorely to approve the funding to complete the design and development of the game. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

Discussed Sub-Committee meeting regarding the 50th Anniversary celebration plans. Initial thought is to have a family friendly day with activities, a recognition 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.

Buildings & Grounds

Sub-committee met on March 15th and addressed the costs associated with updating the WI Conservation Rm--the fireplace, conference table and chairs along with the ductwork for the heating and A/C system. The sub-committee approved fireplace upgrades of \$3,647.06 from Darboy Stone and a new conference table and chairs of \$4,408.74 from BSI for a total cost of \$8,055.80. Gertz made a motion to approve the sub-committee's recommendations. McSorley seconded. Motion Carried.

Graef Engineering provided a preliminary project cost to update the Nelson Overlook. This will be presented to the Community Foundation for grant approval and we will find out this summer of grant amount and receive funds in 2020.

The City Council approved suspension of law enforcement for the goats to be on-site in 2019.

Old Business

The 50th Anniversary is planned for August 10th. McGregor met with the owners of 313 Dodge restaurant for menu and music options. Family friendly music and activities will be scheduled during the day and adult activities will start at 5:00 p.m.

New Business

Nothing.

Good for the Center

1000 Islands is listed in the Best of Valley. Voting goes through mid-April.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, April 25th.

There being no further business, Gertz moved to adjourn the meeting. Second by McSorley. Motion carried. The meeting adjourned at 7:39 p.m.

Maureen Feldt
Administrative Assistant