

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting

Thursday, July 16, 2020

Members Present: Carlson, Driessen, Gertz, Hietpas, Jakel, Manion, McGinnis, Pautz, and Van Groll

Not Present: Van Berkel

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

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

June 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes

Manion made a motion to approve the June 18, 2020 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Driessen. Motion carried.

June Financial Reports

Nowak asked the committee what they prefer to see when it comes to a financial report each month. Agreement on the monies that come in and the expenditures for each month is sufficient. Anyone wishing to receive additional information at any time to please request the information and it can be provided.

McGinnis made a motion to approve the June 2020 Financial Report. Van Groll seconded. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Nowak shared a thank you note from Susan Hinkens for the memorial donation given on behalf of 1000 Islands staff and committee members in memory of Glen. She also shared a thank you note from Play and Grow Learning Center for offering self-guided programs this summer.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

Hietpas will be contacting the committee members to get a vote on forwarding donations the Friends received from the Community Foundation to 1000 Islands.

Hietpas is always looking for firewood for maple syrup making in the Spring.

Naturalist's Report

Review of the June Naturalist's report. McGinnis was wondering if there are any theft or vandalism issues with the outside donation box. Nowak stated all was good so far. Nowak mentioned the goats did well and will be back on September 28th. Van Groll made a motion to accept the June Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

COVID-19 Update

Nowak is meeting two times a week with City department leaders to discuss current COVID trends, etc. The City created a policy to address when an employee tests positive and how to proceed. A policy on wearing a face covering when inside a City building is also being drafted and will go into effect shortly.

Admin and Finance Committee

A CD has matured and will be re-invested into a new CD.

Education

Nowak is reaching out to Curriculum Directors in the Fox Valley area to discuss what their environmental and science educational needs are and how 1000 Islands can help.

Buildings & Grounds

McGinnis worked with Axon Hillock to add "Nelson Overlook" to the existing 1000 Islands Environmental Center sign that is currently in place at the Overlook. The additional wording has been completed and looks great.

Our summer intern, Haylee Albrecht, has been spreading mulch around the building and garden areas the last few weeks. The grounds look much better and the mulch will help control the weeds.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

McGinnis attended a recent VFW meeting and informed the Committee of an agenda item regarding rifle repair, storage and meetings at 1000 Islands. The VFW commander provided a proposal for the 1000 Islands Committee to review and vote on. At this time the rifles are repaired and stored in the SPARS building. McGinnis asked the Committee to take the proposal home to review and discuss at the August 20th meeting.

Good for the Center

Ahlstrom-Munksjo will be donating a reverse osmosis system for the maple syrup process.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 20, 2020 at 6:30 p.m. at the Nature Center.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Van Groll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:17 p.m. Manion seconded. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt
Acting Secretary