

# **Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting**

## **Thursday, August 20, 2020**

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

**Also Present:** Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt; VFW Representatives: Dennis Schmidt, Gary Schmidt, Gary Wolf and Mel Rabideau

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

### **July 2020 Committee Meeting Minutes**

McGinnis made a motion to approve the July 16, 2020 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

### **Public Appearances**

Representatives from the VFW presented the reasons they are looking for a new venue to hold their monthly club meetings and a new location to store and clean their rifles and ammo that they use for ceremonies throughout the year in the community. Several questions were raised regarding proper building security, the smell associated with cleaning of the rifles and if they are considered a firearm. After much discussion, McGinnis made a motion to stop discussion with the VFW Representatives and resume discussion with just Committee Members when at agenda number 10. A. Old Business 6 Approval for VFW 3319 to use Environmental Center building for storage and meeting space. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

### **July Financial Reports**

Van Berkel asked for an explanation of the new format for the Financial Report. Nowak reviewed the new format and explained the column headings to the Committee.

McGinnis made a motion to approve the July 2020 Financial Report. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

The Fox-Wolf Watershed clean-up day is Saturday, August 22.

### **Friends of 1000 Islands Report**

Hietpas is contacting committee members to get a vote on forwarding Community Foundation donations to 1000 Islands.

### **Naturalist's Report**

Review of the July Naturalist's report. A specific date has not been set yet for the Nelson Overlook work to begin. Van Berkel asked for an explanation of a Self-Guided Program.

Gertz made a motion to accept the July Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

### **COVID-19 Update**

The City mask policy is being followed by staff members.

### **Admin and Finance Committee**

The sub-committee met on Aug. 5<sup>th</sup> to review and update the Building Use Policy. Another meeting is planned to finish this review and update.

### **Education**

The sub-committee met prior to the Committee meeting today to review the teacher feedback received on ways to assist them this coming school year. Staff will be working on creating Program Tool Boxes for teachers to use in their classrooms. Videos are also very helpful.

### **Buildings & Grounds**

Kaukauna Utilities installed new poles at the Nelson Overlook, but the lines have not been moved over yet.

The new retaining wall behind the building is complete and looks wonderful. We received a lot of help from the City with this project.

### **Old Business**

VFW Monthly Meetings and Rifle Storage request at 1000 Islands: Discussion mainly on the rifle storage security, available storage space, the smell related to the cleaning of the rifles and their existing agreement with the City.

A motion was made by Pautz to allow the VFW to hold their monthly meetings, free of charge, at 1000 Islands, but not to allow the VFW to store their rifles in the building at this time. Discussion on the building currently being closed to the public and other groups not meeting at 1000 Islands due to COVID and that the VFW to be able to meet once the building opens up again.

Van Berkel amended the motion to include "once the building is open to the public" the VFW can hold their monthly meetings at 1000 Islands, but not to allow them to store their rifles at this time. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Driessen amended the motion to include not to allow the VFW to store their rifles "and ammo" in the building at this time. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Pautz restated the motion to read: Once the building is open to the public, to allow the VFW to hold their monthly club meetings, free of charge, at 1000 Islands but not to allow the VFW to store their rifles and ammo in the building at this time. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

### **New Business**

None

### **Good for the Center**

None

### **Next Committee Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 17, 2020; 6:30 p.m. at the Nature Center.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business, Van Groll moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:55 p.m. Carlson seconded. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt, Acting Secretary