

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, April 15, 2021

Members Present: Carlson, Gertz, Hietpas, Manion, McGinnis, Pautz, and Van Berkel

Not Present: Jakel and McGregor

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Manion at 6:32 PM. Quorum is present.

March 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

McGinnis made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the March 18, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Public Appearances

None

March Financial Report

Discussion – Van Berkel questioned the “Percent Variance” column and that the numbers were incorrect and need to be looked into.

Gertz made a motion to approve the March 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Feldt reviewed the memorials that were received in the last month.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

The Friends committee will meet on Monday, April 19th. Maple syrup season is over and the improvements to the maple syrup making process were very beneficial. Will look into the fan in the Sugar Shack to decrease the noise level.

Naturalist’s Report

Pautz made a motion to accept March’s Naturalist report and place it on file. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

COVID Update

The building has been open to the public since Tuesday, April 6th and is going well. Visitors have been cooperating when asked to wear a mask.

Admin and Finance Committee

Open positions: The summer intern and goat coordinator positions have been filled and they will start on June 1. The site manager’s position is still open and have not heard of any applicants. Discussion on hiring a seasonal, full-time maintenance person if there are no applicants and/or if the applicants are not qualified to hire.

Gertz made a motion for Nowak to proceed with hiring a seasonal worker. Pautz modified the motion to read that Nowak can proceed to hire a FT, 40 hour per week temporary seasonal worker, with no

benefits, if there are no valid candidates for the permanent, PT position after the three postings are completed. Seconded by Carlson. Motion Carried.

Education Committee

The goats will be on-site June 14 – 25th.

The Education Kits are totally complete and are very full of a lot of information for the teachers to utilize. There are actually three mini kits within each Education Kit.

The Nature Center's summer field trip calendar is completely full already.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Nelson Overlook – The muddy conditions have been taken care of by the City's street dept. The gravel is helping and looks very nice. The staining of the wall is also complete.

There is an active Eagle's nest in the Conservancy Zone. There are several other active nests in the Fox Cities as well.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Good for the Center

Fishing Pier Upgrade: A potential Eagle Scout is working on raising funds to purchase materials to upgrade the pier. NBC 26 was on-site today to film a segment on his efforts to raise funds to complete the project.

Target Circle: Carlson mentioned that she used Target Circle recently and was wondering if 1000 Islands could be listed as a recipient. Carlson was going to check into what was needed to set an account up and will work with Nowak to complete paperwork.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, May 20, 2021; 6:30 PM

Adjournment

There being no further business Gertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:41 PM. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary