

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 17, 2021

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

Not Present: Carlson and McGregor

Also Present: Deb Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Manion at 6:31 PM. Quorum is present.

May 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

McGinnis made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the May 20, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Public Appearances

None

May Financial Report

Jakel made a motion to approve the May 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Correspondence

Feldt shared that two donations were received last month.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

The Annual Meeting will be held on Monday, June 21st and attendees will be able to see the goats and learn about how they are helping to control the invasive species on the conservancy zone.

Naturalist's Report

The eagles nest has gained national attention with having four eaglets and three adults in the nest. Deb Jakel and Deb Nowak met, via skype, with representatives from the American Eagle Foundation regarding the installation of a camera to watch the nest once the eaglets have fledged. They will send a crew to do the installation and hire a local arborist to assist.

The bee hive is up and running and doing well.

A safety inspection of the building and boardwalk trail was recently completed. The report indicated that we do have a few safety issues that need to be addressed. Nowak is working on getting the needed safety issues corrected and completed ASAP.

Jakel made a motion to accept May's Naturalist Report and place it on file. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried.

Admin and Finance Committee

Van Berkel reviewed with the Committee members the proposed changes to the Pavilion Rental Agreement. After some discussion, Van Berkel made a motion to table the approval and have the

Admin and Finance Sub-Committee review the proposed changes and finalize the Pavilion Rental Agreement. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Education Committee

Pautz did not have any additional information than what is included in the Naturalist Report.

Buildings & Grounds Committee

Discussion on memorial benches being placed by the lower level of the Nelson Overlook and trimming of tree branches falling in front of current memorial benches for a better view of the river. Nowak does not want to remove trees as the roots are critical in helping to prevent soil erosion. Hietpas questioned visitors hanging hammocks in the conservancy zone.

Old Business

Strategic Planning Workshop was held on Monday, June 14th with eleven people in attendance. Nowak to summarize the workshop along with the survey responses and present the report to the Strategic Planning Sub-Committee for review and approval.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Good for the Center

Nothing to report.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, July 15, 2021; 6:30 PM

Adjournment

There being no further business Gertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:32 PM. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary