

## **Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, July 15, 2021**

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

**Not Present:** Carlson, Hietpas, Jakel, and McGregor

**Also Present:** Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Admin-Finance Chair, Van Berkel at 6:34 PM. Quorum is present.

### **June 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Gertz made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the June 17, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

### **Public Appearances**

None

### **June Financial Report**

Gertz made a motion to approve the June 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Feldt reported on the memorials and donations that were received in the last month.

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

The Annual Meeting was held on Monday, June 21<sup>st</sup>. At this time, still planning on the Art Fair in September.

### **Naturalist's Report**

Concern over finding a young fox in a trap along the blacktop trail. Manion made a motion that the Admin-Finance sub-committee put on their agenda to update Policy 2.029 to include "trapping" along with hunting to not be allowed within the Conservancy Zone. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried.

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

### **Admin and Finance Committee**

Van Berkel to work with Nowak to set up a Admin & Finance sub-committee meeting to review and update a few Policies per input from staff and the Committee.

### **Education Committee**

Pautz indicated that a final report on the goats' accomplishments this past June was submitted to the Community Foundation as part of the grant we received for the coordinator's position. This report will be shared with the Committee as well. Hoping to have the goats again in September.

### **Buildings & Grounds Committee**

McGinnis will work with Deb to set up a Buildings & Grounds sub-committee meeting. The fishing pier is almost completed.

### **Old Business**

McGinnis discussing with Hietpas and Manion on possible options for new stairs to the Upper Woods. Van Berkel mentioned that projects expected to cost more than \$10,000 may be considered for our budgeting as Capital Projects. If the Common Council approved them as such, that expense would be additional to the Nature Center's normal Operating and Maintenance budget. We wouldn't have to find a way to squeeze it into the O & M budget.

### **New Business**

Gertz asked if a sub-committee could look into a multi-terrain scooter for adult/children needing assistance when going on hikes. Some people can't keep up with a group and it would be nice to offer a mobility device to help them.

### **Good for the Center**

Nothing to report.

### **Next Committee Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, August 19, 2021 at 6:30 PM in-person.

### **Adjournment**

There being no further business Gertz moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:33 PM. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,  
Acting Secretary