

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, August 26, 2021

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

Not Present:

Also Present: Debra Nowak and Maureen Feldt

The meeting was called to order by Vice-Chair, Manion at 6:38 PM. Quorum is present.

July 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

Eggleston made a motion to accept the amended minutes and waive the reading of the minutes and approve the July 15, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Public Appearances

None

July Financial Report

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

Correspondence

Nothing to report.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

The Friends group met on August 16th and decided to cancel the September 12th Art Fair because low vendor count, Covid issues and limited Nature Center staff. The plan is to go back to the Spring Art Fair which is scheduled for Sunday, May 15, 2022. All vendor application fees have been returned.

Naturalist's Report

Nowak did hear back from the American Eagle Foundation and they are still planning on putting a camera on the eagle's nest. There are a few applicants for the Site Manager's position and Nowak will be working with HR to review and possibly interview a candidate(s). The Assistant Naturalist position is open and we are looking to hire a replacement. Deb has not yet heard from the Mayor regarding Stephanie McGregor's replacement on the Committee. The fishing pier is complete and the dedication is on September 20 at 4:30 PM. Covid numbers continue to increase and all City employees are required to wear a face mask when not at their desk.

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

Admin and Finance Sub-Committee

Van Berkel – An Admin & Finance meeting was held prior to the Committee meeting tonight and we are working through a few policy revisions. Carlson made a motion to approve filling the vacant PT Assistant Naturalist position that was held by Stephanie Feurestein. Seconded by McGinnis. Motion carried.

Education Sub-Committee

Pautz – Per Farmer Pat, the goats are all tagged and we will be able to have a group of them in late September for browsing. Teachers are calling to schedule fall field trips. With limited staff, we are working with the teachers who have large classes to accommodate their needs.

Buildings & Grounds Sub-Committee

McGinnis made a motion to accept the Emmons Business Interiors bid of \$26,792.73 to purchase eight (8) Scissor Tables, 114 Popcorn Chairs and one (1) Popcorn High Density Dolly to stack extra chairs that will replace the existing tables and chairs utilized in the North American Room. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Nothing to report.

Good for the Center

Nothing to report.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, September 16, 2021 at 6:30 PM in-person.

Adjournment

There being no further business Jakel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:08 PM. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary