

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, September 16, 2021

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

Not Present: Gertz, Hietpas,

Also Present: Debra Nowak and Maureen Feldt

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

August 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

Pautz made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the August 26, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Public Appearances

None

August Financial Report

Jakel made a motion to approve the August 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

Correspondence

McGinnis Resignation: Nowak received notice from Tom McGinnis that, after 52 years on the 1000 Islands Committee, he was resigning effective immediately. Tom was an original member of the Committee when it originated.

Fishing Pier Ribbon Cutting: The official opening and ribbon cutting of the updated fishing pier will be on Monday, September 20th at 4:30 PM.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

Nowak applied for a \$10,000 grant through the Outagamie County American Rescue Plan Act for the Friends group.

Naturalist's Report

Two interviews were conducted for the Assistant Naturalist position. An offer was given to one of the applicants and we are awaiting her response. An interview for the Site Manager's position is also scheduled.

Nowak submitted the proposed 2022 non-personnel budget to the Finance Director. A copy of the proposed budget was given out to the Committee members present.

Eggleston made a motion to accept the August's Naturalist report and place it on file. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Admin and Finance Sub-Committee

Jakel made a motion to accept the August 26th Admin and Finance Sub-Committee meeting minutes and place them on file. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

Education Sub-Committee

Pautz – The goats will be on-site the last week of September and first week of October. There will not be a Goat Coordinator for this browsing. Pautz and Nowak met with the high school students that will take plant measurements pre and post goat browsing.

Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee

Jakel made a motion to accept the May 13th Building and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting minutes and place them on file. Seconded by Eggleston. Motion carried.

Carlson made a motion to accept the August 16th Building and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting minutes and place them on file. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Update locks on three outside Nature Center building doors: Lappen Security came to the Nature Center to look at the doors and provided a quote for \$3,358.81 to update the three locks. Van Berkel made a motion to accept the Lappen Security quote for \$3,358.81 to replace three outside building door locks. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Old Business

Eagle Nest Web Cam: Nowak to set up a meeting with the National Eagle Foundation to see where they are at with putting up a web cam on the active Eagle's nest in the Conservancy Zone.

New Business

Vacated Chair position and new Chair and Vice-Chair positions for 2021-2022: Will need nominations for these two positions along with preferences to which Sub-Committee(s) everyone wants to be on.

Vacated Committee member: With Tom McGinnis' resignation, we will need another Committee member. Contact the Mayor or Nowak with suggestions.

Proposal for playground: Carlson shared the proposed playground structure for the picnic area. She has already secured funding for half of the cost from the Friends group. The issue of bedrock in the picnic area was brought up and if installing a playground is even feasible. To see if a playground is even feasible in the picnic area Van Berkel made a motion and for Carlson to contact the playground company to find out how far down into the ground they need to dig to secure the poles for the structure. Seconded by Eggleston. Motion carried.

Good for the Center

Nothing to report.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting is scheduled for Thursday, October 21, 2021 at 6:30 PM in-person.

Adjournment

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

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary