

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, October 21, 2021

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

Not Present: N/A

Also Present: Debra Nowak and Maureen Feldt

Vice-Chair, Manion called the October Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum is present.

September 2021 Committee Meeting Minutes

Hietpas made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the September 16, 2021 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Public Appearances

None

September Financial Report

Eggleston made a motion to approve the September 2021 Financial Report. Seconded by Pautz. Motion carried.

Correspondence

1000 Islands received monetary donations from Eagle Graphics, the Bass Club and the Verhagen family. Girls Scout Troup 2206 of Kimberly donated bat houses to sell in our Gift Shop.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

Eric Hietpas continues to make improvements to the maple syrup making process by upgrading the lighting in the Sugar Shack and putting a control on the exhaust fan to help control the noise. A sap holding tank is being purchased and a concrete pad will be poured for the tank to sit on.

Norma Ring-Roerig resigned from the Friends Committee and the Friends group will be working with KCHA for the annual Volunteer Banquet in February.

Naturalist's Report

Continuing to interview candidates for the two open positions. We made an offer to a Site Manager candidate, but we have not heard back from him yet. We offered the Assistant Naturalist position to an earlier candidate, but she declined the position.

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

Admin and Finance Sub-Committee

Waiting to meet until after the Building & Grounds sub-committee meets.

Education Sub-Committee

Waiting to fill the Assistant Naturalist position to move forward with education planning.

Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee

Nothing to report.

Old Business

Proposed playground: Carlson has commitment for funding half of the cost associated with the playground. Carlson is brainstorming for ways to raise the remaining amount needed. Nowak contacted the playground company regarding the bedrock issue we have here. They did not think it would be an issue to secure the poles needed for the structure. Some committee members still have concerns on purchasing and installing a playground. Committee members are encouraged to visit Heckrodt and Bubolz to see what they have available regarding playground equipment.

New Business

Current Vice-Chair, John Manion will become Chair starting November 18, 2021. Election of Vice-Chair: Gertz nominated Penni Pautz as Vice-Chair. Seconded by Jakel. Nominations closed. Motion carried.

Good for the Center

There will be a closed session at the November 18th Committee Meeting for Director, Deb Nowak's personnel review. Evaluation forms will be sent to all Committee members via US Mail.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, November 18, 2021 at 6:30 PM in-person.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Jakel moved to adjourn the meeting at 7:26 PM. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary