

Board Meeting Minutes
April 17, 2024

Present: Lowell Palecek
Anne Marie Moseman
Sue Harrington
Paula Anderson
April Siekmeier
Kurt Mead, Park Naturalist

Absent: Grace Hill, Asst. Park Manager

Meeting called to order at 10:01 am

Motion to approve the agenda after correcting the month of the Scavenger Hunt to July by April;
second by Anne Marie; Approved.

Motion to approve the April Minutes with corrections by Sue; Approved

Reports:

President -

- The Parks & Trail Council Youth Engagement Grants is still open, do we want to apply for this: The deadline is mid June.
 - We could apply for a grant to hold an Activity Day in the Nature Play Area
 - A rough date was proposed for August 2024
 - Music, Arts, Naturalist Programs and food
 - Lowel will apply for the grant.
- We have been advised by Kurt to NOT engage with Steve Benassi. Not a person the Friends of Tettegouche need to get involved with now or in the future.

Treasurer -

- Reconciled 3/31/2024
- Park State Bank \$705.56
- P&TC \$8,798.67
- **Total \$9,504.23**
- Summary
- Income \$6,316.00
- Expenses \$ -101.30
- Restricted Funds \$1,890.37
- **Total \$4,324.43**
- We have received a grant for Coop Power & Light in the amount of \$1,250 to be used for the Nature Play Area projects.

Park Staff -

- Grace says it's been quiet and quiet is good.
- Lexi & Dayton are the new Naturalist Interns who have been kept busy:
 - Lake Carlos SP Naturalist Core Training
 - Onsite as of May 20 thru August
 - They are here on a Learning Internship
- Kurt has reconnected with Annette LeSeur (Don Kessner Art)

- Beginning to start planning a retrospective art show in 2026
- Silver Bay Historical Society is interested in this event, contact Muffy Murphy
- Possibly include Silver Bay Mariners Alumni
- Legacy (Lars) looking at a residency at the Park
- North Shore Artist League wants to use our park for an art swap.
- Kurt is done with his local area talks at the library. He usually does these Nov.-April

Old Business:

2024 Projects & Plans

- Only needs to be signed and it's done.

Trail Stewards -

- Katie and Grace have identifies priority trail sections
- Guidelines have been provided
 - Advised to use GPS/Avenza to stay true or find trails.
- Lowell has created a Trail Steward shares folder.

Artist Reception -

- June 7th - Laura Ahola-Young will be featured
 - Hospitality Team will be notified soon.

Summer Concert Series -

- June 15th will feature Amy Grillo & Gene LaFond
 - S'mores at 6:30pm
 - Music at 7-8:30pm
 - Possible selling of water and soda

Kiosk -

- The correct cord needed to operate the monitor has been ordered
- We still need a laptop to run it. So if anyone has a spare to share or knows of one we can use please let Jill Biem or Paula know.

Storage Closet -

- We have decided to go with 66 qt. Bins that measure 24"x16"x14"
- Morris has been informed of this size and measurements so he can adjust his plans if necessary.

Nature Play Area -

- A Maintenance Sign-Up sheet has been added to the website.
- There is a need for more brochures.
- We would like to see an article posted to advertise the NPA
- There is a Work Day scheduled for June 25 to mulch.
 - There is a group of 8 adults coming to work.
- Supplies will be purchased soon for Chickadee Hollow and flora signs
- We are still working on getting a map of the NPA drawn up.

New Business:

Bay Days -

- 2024 dates: July 12, 13, 14
- Noreshore Area Partners has sent out a request for Silent Auction Baskets
 - At a previous meeting we approved our participation

- We will donate a State Park Gift Card in the amount of seasonal park pass
- Paula is donating artwork
- Hoping to get a donation from the Gift Shop to include.
- If there are any other donations members would like to include please let us know.
- Bev has offered to supply the basket when we know what size we need.

WTIP Donation -

- The FTSP will make a \$50 donation
- Motion to do this was made by Sue; Approved

Scavenger Hunt -

- The Hunt will take place on the Free Park Day, June 8th 9am - 3pm
- Morris and Paula will work the Scavenger Hunt
- Get a hunt list and prizes

Leave No Trace -

- I have written down "possible" at this point I'm not sure what that means.

Bat Houses -

- Still looking to get 3 made for out at Camp
- Paula will send out the plans that Grace shared in hopes members will have materials to donate to make them before we go purchase any.

Dark Sky Event -

- Amy Grillo is organizing a dark sky event scheduled for October 26, 2024
- Would the FTSP want to be involved if part of the event is at the park site?
- More discussion to follow on this.

The next Board Meeting is set for June 19, 10am at the Visitor Center Meeting Room.

Motion to adjourn the meeting made by Paula; Approved.