

Board Meeting Minutes
July 17, 2024

Present: Lowell Palecek
Anne Marie Moseman
Paula Anderson
Kurt Mead, Park Naturalist
Sue Harrington
Absent: Grace Hill, Asst. Park Manager, April Siekmeier

Meeting called to order at 10:06 am

Motion to approve the agenda by Lowell; Approved.

Motion to approve the June Minutes by Lowell; Approved

Reports:

President -

- Lowell refreshed our memories on some Robert's Rules pertaining to small groups.
 - Motions need not be seconded
 - Chairperson can participate in discussion....can make motions and vote.
 - Parks & Trails Council (P&TC) no photo scavenger hunt this year.

Treasurer -

- Beginning Balance \$8,483.13
- Expenses -528.00
- Deposits 1,250.00 CLP Grant
- Ending Balance \$9,205.13
- We have received \$42 in the tip jar from the concert
- Anne Marie will provide a Grand Breakdown after all the concerts are done and paid out.
- Root River Jam is requesting a 1/3 down prior to the concert in September.
- All expenditures over \$600 need a W9

Trail Stewards -

- It's been a slow start
- Most volunteers have waited until after mud season to get out to their chosen trails.

Program Committee -

- Concerts:
 - Attendance at the May concert was 92
 - A sandwich board went up on Friday at the Visitor Center and the teardrop flag was put out on the highway on Saturday.
 - There has been a thought to move concerts to the picnic pavilion in the front of the Visitor Center.
 - This in hopes of protecting the musicians from the sun in their faces.
 - No s'mores but have popcorn
 - Possibly bring out chairs
 - Still working on getting a food truck for the last concert in September.
- Artist Reception:
 - Attendance for the May reception was around 25
 - The next reception will NOT be the first Friday in August but the second one due to the artist's schedule.
- Nature Play Area:
 - Looking at possibly having a Fall program day in October. More to come on this.

Old Business:

Nature Play Area -

- The June work day was cancelled.
- A new date has been set for July 25th
 - Service Learning (Sara) has a group available that day
 - Sue & Terry, Lowell & Anne, Jill & Andy Beim are members that able to volunteer that day,
- Bamboo sticks of various sizes were added to the Human Wind Chimes in the music area.
- New stream toys were added.
- Magnifying Station was replaced and repaired after vandalism.
- The maintenance volunteer schedule is working well and things reported to Jill that need attention is very helpful.

Annual Meeting -

- Date has been set for September 28
- We will need a quorum of 35% of our membership
- There has been a suggestion to have a zoom option available due to the meeting of our quorum . Lowell checked the By Laws and found that it is permissible: to accommodate public health, adverse weather or other adverse circumstances...as long as the notice requirements are met.
 - After some discussion the Board decided that the “other adverse circumstances” is what will apply for our Annual Meeting.
- These positions on the Board are expiring:
 - President
 - Secretary
 - Treasurer - Anne Marie will stay on for one more year.
- These are the Returning Board Members:
 - Sue (one more year)
 - April (one more year)
 - Anne Marie (one more year as Treasurer of a two year position)
- A number of people were suggested to be approached for Board Membership.

New Business:

Great River Greening -

- We have been contacted by this organization to participate in their program
- Kurt forwarded this email to Katie and Grace
- The Board has decided to let the Park Staff handle getting involved and contact the Friends group if we are needed to support their efforts.

Donate & Membership Buttons on Website -

- We discussed the possibility of adding separate buttons for these two options on our webpage.
 - The hope is to separate the people who want to really join as a member to help as volunteers at our events and work days from the people that only want to donate money to help.
 - Paula will talk to Jill to see if this can actually be done.

Events for August:

- August 9th: August Artist Reception @ 7pm
- August 17th: August Concert in the Park @ 7pm

- August 21st @ 10am is our next Board Meeting
Motion to adjourn the meeting by Anne Marie; Approved

Draft of Minutes submitted by Paula Anderson, secretary