

Board Meeting Minutes
August 21, 2024

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

Meeting called to order at 10:03 am

Motion to approve the agenda by Lowell; Approved.

Motion to approve the June Minutes by Sue; Approved

Reports:

President:

- None

Treasurer:

- Park State Bank \$ 604.21
 - Cash \$ 106.00 (tip jar)
- Parks & Trail \$8,203.13
- Grants:
 - Lovin' Lake County \$ _____
 - Best of the North Shore \$ _____

Program Committees:

Artist Reception:

- We had 22 in attendance
- Staying with fruited water for September
- Next reception will be October 4

Concerts:

- All 4 concerts are done now
- Anne Marie has started networking to find new musicians for 2025
- Concert fees are going up with most bands asking between \$400-\$700
- Discussion on whether to stay with 4 concerts or move to 3
 - We are leaning towards 4 concerts
 - 2 concerts with bigger (3 or more members) bands
 - 2 concerts with either solo or duet musicians
- Anne Marie is planning to gather concert interested Friends Members to plan for next year, gathering more volunteers (5 per concert) and ideas.

Nature Play Area:

- We have had some vandalism:
 - One of the drums was sliced
 - The magnifying station broken

- Several tic tac toe pieces are missing
- Jill is looking into options to repair/replace elements and rock pieces will be readied for next season.
- Chickadee Hollow will need to have park staff help with the cable for the feeder. Lumber has been purchased, a date needs to be set to do the work.
- Windchimes (bamboo pieces) cost was less than anticipated so hollow logs were purchased to add and climb through element in the main play area.
- Mulch was purchased with the money that was reassigned from the photo cut out sign.
- Aluminum signs have been printed for Rules and Firewood gathering Rules and installed.
- We will need to look at future funding for mulch and gravel work.
- The committee is looking at an ongoing budget for repair and maintenance.
- Flora Signs (english and ojibwe) are soon to be placed around the play area and trails.

Trail Stewards:

- Mud season lasted through to July this year which hampered getting started on trail maintenance
- Trails are now being worked on but slow going due to the overgrown state they are in.
- Should be working on the 2nd round of maintenance, but now trying to concentrate of areas that have not been touched yet.

Park Staff:

- Interns have left for the season.
- There are 3 buildings & grounds staff for 3 parks!
- New Temperance River Manager starts on September 11
 - The technician will be up there more times
- Parks & Trails positions _____?_____
- FIMA paperwork is in the works for storm/flood damage that has taken place this season.

Old Business:

Annual Meeting:

- The date has been changed to October 5th @ 4pm
 - Bring snacks to share
- Thinking of a speaker for the meeting: Joe W. (we'd need a stipend)
- Plan on a zoom option to meet our quorum
- Board of Directors Nominees:
 - Jill Beim
 - Mike Moen
 - Lowell suggests a email to go out asking for nominations.
- Not returning this term are Paula and April

New Business:

Update ByLaws:

- Employees cannot be on the board even if they are seasonal

- What make a person a member (member vs donor)
- Change the quorum percentage from 35% to 25%

Other Business:

Leftover Grant Money:

- If we don't use it we have to send it back so we discussed options.
- Paula suggested that we purchase a small laptop/chromebook to be used for the electronic kiosk.
 - A motion was made by Paula to use the excess grant money to purchase a laptop in the \$400 range to be used for the kiosk. Approved.

Upcoming Events:

- Sept. 6 @ 7pm Artist Reception
- Sept. 14 Concert in the Park @ 7pm: Root River Jam
- Sept. 18 @ 10am Board Meeting in the Visitor Center Mtg Room
- Oct. 5 @ 4pm Annual Meeting.

Motion to adjourn at 11:26am Approved.