

Friends of the Wood County Parks
April 19, 2017 Trustees meeting minutes
Park District Headquarters

Trustees present: Jill Konst, Donna Wagner, Ranaye McLaughlin, Ginny Dean, Gloria Box, Susan Barry, Gaynelle Predmore, Bill Hale, Debbie Newlove, Mickey Kolva, Candace Weis, Roz Hammond.

Staff present: Jamie Sands, Bryan Bockbrader

The meeting was called to order by President, Ranaye McLaughlin at 3:05.

Executive Committee Reports: March minutes will be coming later. The sign up sheet went around again to secure our committees for 2017 including levy support.

There will be a strategic planning meeting for the Park District on Wednesday, April 26, 3:00 at Sawyer Quarry. Jamie Sands will lead the meeting, looking for input from the trustees on their 5 year Strategic Plan for the Park District. Trustees that can't attend the meeting or those who have ideas can e-mail them to Jamie or Bryan.

Susan Barry presented the Treasurers Report. Balances for ending March are as follows: Operating \$23,461.42 Levy \$24,185.06 Restricted \$15,604.74 Unrestricted \$29,480.40 Roz Hammond made the motion to accept the Treasurers report, Bill Hale 2nd. Motion carried.

Membership Committee: Debbie Newlove reported around 230 memberships so far this year with more coming in.

Directors Reports: Jamie Sands is working on the Park Districts 5 year Strategic Plan holding ideas sessions with different groups. It was noted that outreach season is here with several events that the park staff attends. Events included Court Street Connects, Master Gardeners Plant Exchange, BGSU Literary Event and Earth Day activities. Bryan Bockbrader has us set for 4 Wednesdays at the BG Farmers Market to sell the native plants.

Old Business

Commemorative Trail: Bryan Bockbrader reported all the brick orders are filled so far. He is looking into a new company to engrave our bricks. Tentatively, we are planning a grand opening event for the trail at our fall membership meeting, held Sunday, October 15, at WW.Knight Preserve.

Park Video: We will need to set up dates for spring summer filming.

Sign up sheet went around for the luncheon at our Spring Membership Meeting on Sunday, May 7, Hal Mann will be our guest speaker for that day. Since Hal doesn't take a fee for his presentation, it was suggested that a donation of \$50.00 be sent to the Wild Ones chapter in his name. Roz Hammond made the motion for the donation of \$50.00 to Wild Ones, Ginny Dean 2nd, Motion carried.

The spring plant sale pick up will be Saturday, May 13, 10-1 at headquarters. Mickey noted that some of the newsletters were late getting to people. Volunteers are needed that day to help people load their orders and assist with the native plants. It was noted, that we may try selling succulents next year to boost sales along with the hummingbird feeders.

Friends members birding bus trip with Jim Witter is scheduled for Tuesday, May 16, 9-2. We will meet at W.W. Knight Preserve to board the bus, first stop at Sawyer Quarry, Cedar Creeks for packed lunch, then out to Magee Marsh.

The grand opening for the Bradner Interpretive Center will be on Saturday, May 20, from 1-4. The Route 23 entrance to the park is now open. Trustees are encouraged to attend and Mickey Kolva will be picking up the light refreshments for the event.

New Business

Volunteers are needed for the Friends table at the Master Gardeners Plant exchange on Saturday, April 29. See Liz Raker if you would be able to help that day.

Susan Barry presented the idea of a Giving List for those who would like to make a specific donation to FWCP. Donation list suggestions included kids day camp scholarship, educational programs, youth programs, library books. critter feed, etc. Susan Barry will chair this committee, Candace Weis will help.

The Web Page will be updated soon.

The staff potluck will be held on Thursday, June 15, 11:30 at Otsego Park. A sign up sheet for a dish to pass will go around in May. We will possibly need someone to pick up the main dish, such as the Subway sandwiches like last year. A short trustees meeting will follow the lunch.

Friends spring event for next year is tentatively a Barn Dance, scheduled for June 2018 the night before the Carter Farm Heritage day. Ginny Dean volunteered to chair the committee for the barn dance.

There was discussion on the 2017 Photo contest. Judges so far are Liz Raker, Candace Weis, possibly Charley Harper and Friends member Frank Butwin. It was noted that people were interested in buying some of the photos that were on display at the BG exhibit. Suggestions were to get some input from the photographers on using there work for sale purposes or using their pictures for notecards or calendars.

Motion to adjourn the meeting by Liz Raker, 2nd by Mickey Kolva. Meeting adjourned at 5:00.

2 hrs meeting time

Respectfully submitted by acting Secretaries, Jill Konst & Ranaye McLaughlin