

FWCP Minutes August 21, 2019

Present: G. Box, S. Nesper, N. Wenning, D. Newlove, C. Weis, L Arnold

Meeting called to order at 3:02 pm.

EXECUTIVE:

1. Minutes were accepted as written with 1st motion C. Weis and 2nd by D. Newlove.
2. Treasurer's Report:
 - PayPal is in the bank. The check was sent out to J. Moosman.
 - Total Balance: \$124,176.29
 - Operating Balance: \$26,838.36
 - Unrestricted Balance: \$27,070.47
 - Restricted Balance: \$26,562.79
 - Levy: \$1,624.85
 - Report accepted with 1st motion L. Arnold, 2nd by C. Weis.

DIRECTOR'S:

1. N. Munger: Sawyer Quarry is under contract. Demolition will begin after Labor Day; there will be an Interpretive Center for kids with a climbing wall that looks like rock for kids, amongst other things.
 - a. Requests for proposals are out for a biking trail at Rudolph.
 - b. The parking lot at Baldwin Woods will hopefully be underway in September; then they will be looking to establish trails there eventually.
2. J. Sands: Thanks for all of your Fair help!
 - a. The form for the Birdseed, Bulb, and Mums sale has been worked on; it will be printed.
 - b. Need volunteers for both Harrison Rally Day and the Fall Farm Fest in September.
 - c. Membership database research is still happening.
 - d. Still promoting our Photo Contest and the Parks Passport!
3. J. Witter: Farm Fest at Carter Farm is scheduled on Saturday, September 21, from 3-7 pm.
 - a. There will be a food truck, games, tours, and music. We will need volunteers for the games, for the welcome booth, etc. This will be listed on the Galaxy website; volunteers will receive a meal voucher for the food truck.
 - i. There will also be a ribbon cutting for the wetland.
 - b. Folklore and Funfest will be at the Historical Center on Saturday, October 19, from 4-9 pm. There will be games, food, etc. This event will also need volunteers, listed on the Galaxy website, and you will also receive a meal voucher.

- c. There is a Friends Trolley Ride on Thursday, September 26, from 10 am until 1 pm starting at Black Swamp Preserve, travelling the bike trail to Rudolph. We will then car pool to Carter Farm for lunch, which will be provided.

OLD BUSINESS:

1. How do we get more volunteers?
 - a. Ideas: Call personally, send cards, have a “mentor” when they do volunteer, put something in the newsletter.
2. Bylaws: A few lines need to be completed. There will be a meeting with Dudley, the accountant, and then the Executive Committee can complete them and hand them out to be approved.
3. Calendars: The Photo Committee ordered 125 calendars. They gave out free ones to those in the calendar, and to Wood County public officials.
 - a. Are there any ideas as to where these calendars should go?
4. Harvest Farm Fest will be Saturday, September 21st from 3-7 pm. We will be selling our mums. Smaller ones will be sold; should we show a size difference, so that people know which ones we will be offering for our sale?
5. Fair: Thanks to those who worked at the Fair. We offered to pay for our tickets, but J. Sands said she has not received an invoice yet for the tickets.

NEW BUSINESS:

1. General Membership Meeting is Sunday, October 6th at 1 pm at Otsego. Dale Gnidovec will be the speaker, on Geological History of Ohio. He requires a \$50 speaker fee, plus gas mileage. This was accepted with 1st motion by C. Weis, 2nd by L. Arnold. N. Munger will grill porkchops, we will look for volunteers for salads, chips, beans, and desserts.
2. N. Wenning, S. Nesper, and S. Frankforter met with J. Witter to talk about more programs to bring in more people to the parks, and possibly the Friends. Google Ads were discussed (can be connected to a bank account).
 - a. Could also use Facebook ads, press releases, Instagram, etc.
3. Plantpalooza: Need to come to a decision on whether we will use the Champion Building on the Fairgrounds. It will cost \$600 to use from Thursday to Saturday of the Plant Sale. No decision was reached.
4. Social Media: S. Nesper asked anyone on social media to please share any posts, info about the parks, our events with your friends, community.
5. Birdseed, Bulbs, and Mums Sale: We looked over the form.
 - a. Have a few additions.
 - b. Decided to advertise it on the Fair marquee, with 1st motion by L. Arnold, 2nd by G. Box. N. Wenning will take care of it.
6. C. Weis has two people interested in becoming trustees; PLEASE GET TRUSTEES!

7. Will put out a press release for the General Membership meeting and speaker in October.
8. Deadline for newsletter articles is August 26th; Fall sale mailing is September 3rd; Newsletter mailing is September 9th; both at 9 am.
9. The Toledo Community Foundation sent a letter needing an email address for us.
10. Use correct form for any reimbursement for G. Box.

Meeting adjourned at 4:35 with 1st motion D. Newlove, and 2nd by G. Box.

Next meeting is Wed. 9/18 at 3 PM at H.Q.

Respectfully Submitted,
Stephanie Nesper

Hours: 1.50