

# Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Board Meeting Minutes from August 8, 2012

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## Call to order at 7:00 pm

Attendees- Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Ellen Erdelsky, Bruce Goldensohn, Dave Scull, Dave Powell, and Ken Grundy.

Absent- Dr. Stan Forster

Approved minutes from May 8, 2012 meeting with corrections.

Pepco was replacing some electric poles in the park and they gave the old poles to the park. The park has used the poles to build a bridge.

## Treasurer's Report - Steve Hackman

See report.

There is still about \$2400.00 to pay out on the Seneca Bluffs parking lot project.

The 2 grills that were approved to purchase had a 35 day lead time and have been ordered for \$1184.00.

The Friends have had a membership at both Costco and Sam's Club for quite some time. The memberships have ceased to be as beneficial as they once were. Steve is going to keep up the memberships as a donation to the Friends.

## Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See other sheet.

There was some discussion as to how Sandy Morehouse would be listed on the membership report. As mentioned at the last meeting, she will be put under the life member listing. Ellen wrote a letter since the last meeting but it was not sent yet. Ken will sign it and send it out.

## Management Report- Dave Powell

It has been a busy summer. In the last three weeks the CJC, Junior Rangers, and the Park Pals have all ended.

The CJC completed two picnic pads, two handicapped pads, 2 trail reroutes, and more.

Ranger Dave Naflin left the park to work for the Oregon State Park system. Kim will be retiring on December 31, 2012. Donna is doing OK with her cancer treatments. Several people from the park could be going for promotions soon. We will probably be getting at least one new ranger.

The derecho hit the park hard. The MORE people cleaned up the Schaeffer Road Trails. The staff and volunteers cleared the park and the Greenway Trail. Before the storm hit, 8 loads of stone were put down and the storm took down 3 of the 4 trees that needed to come down.

At the parking lot project the stone was delivered and it was spread today. There are still a few trees that need to come down. Steve has sent info to SHA for us to get reimbursed.

There was a motion made to purchase the gate and the items needed to finish the project for \$2500.00 and it was approved unanimously. The trail itself is not open yet and needs 3 to 5 more work days before it will be done.

There will be an event coming through the park on October 13th or 14th called the Montgomery County Epic and organized by Dennis Chezelle. At the SoccerPlex, there will be parking, vendors, and entertainment. It was mentioned that we should think about having a booth at this event.

Ed Branges' memorial will be at the park on Saturday, October 13th at 1:00 pm.

There is a new member of the Friends named Casey Anderson who works for the Park's and Planning Commission.

On August 20th, the park is having an end of season picnic. Let Josette know if you can attend.

Park Quest is ending on September 29th. It is a \$250.00 donation to get our logo on the t-shirt. We discussed this, but decided against donation now and left open the possibility of donating in the spring for 2013.

There are a lot of races and events at the park this fall and the boat center will be open on weekends until September 23rd.

#### Roundtable- Everyone

Dave Scull took a trip to Scotland and mountain biked across the country.

Steve Hackman asked why we haven't received any money from the Clif and Luna bar promotion. Dave will leave a note for Kim.

Bruce Goldensohn has lived next to the park for 30 - 32 years and about 4 trees have fell from the park onto his yard. He is now worried about one black cherry tree that could possibly hit his house. The park should take a look at the health of any tree on their property. There was some more discussion about trees and the damage that they can do.

Bruce also mentioned that he has had a lot of fawns around his house this year. He has seen 2 crippled deer, one of which had at least 2 fawns. His deerbuster fence has worked well. He has a garden for the first time in a long time.

Earl Pfeiffer noted that you may cut down branches off of a tree if the branches hang over onto your property.

Ken Grundy stated that he will be working on the form that needs to be submitted to the City of Gaithersburg so we can be a Winter Lights proceeds recipient. The annual picnic will be scheduled for November 3rd with the November meeting to follow.

The next meeting is scheduled for Saturday, November 3rd at about 1:00 pm(after picnic).