

Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Board Meeting Minutes from May 8, 2012 CORRECTED

Call to order at 7:00 pm

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

Absent- Dr. Stan Forster and Ed Branges

Approved minutes from February 8, 2012 meeting with corrections.

One correction to the February meeting minutes was made. The boat center is now open on the weekends, however the information in the February meeting minutes was correct at that time and will not be changed.

We adjusted the agenda for this meeting to make sure that we had a quorum to approve any purchases that needed to be made.

Purchase Requests-

There was a request for a new 10 horsepower motor for the work boat. It is the most used boat and the purchase for up to \$2000.00 was approved unanimously.

There was some discussion about the parks recent expenses of time and money, including water and electric issues. Kendall Mott has been very busy.

There was a request to purchase a \$450.00 tractor camera system. It was discussed but not voted on.

The CJC(Civilian Justice Corp) will be coming to the park again this year.

Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman

See other sheet.

There was an administrative fee for a bounced check from one of our members. We are going to send him the bill. Ellen is writing the letter.

Since the last meeting we purchased 2 weed wrenches for \$400.00 and with the TROT money that we had we purchased some bridge materials totaling \$1121.67.

Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See other sheet.

Steve pointed out that we are still receiving money from the workplace of Sandy Morehouse. Steve recommended that we make her a lifetime member. Ken made a motion and it was approved unanimously. Ellen will write the letter.

Management Report- Kim Lloyd

The superintendent and assistant superintendent came out to the park for a day and thought that the park looked good.

There are 2 new playgrounds and they are at the Chickadee and Pheasant areas.

The Pheasant Run area is going to be redone and may end up being a campground.

The state is testing the water to see if the lake could become a beach entry swimming site.

The park received a proposal from the Germantown Rec. Club to build some ball fields at the old gun club. The state said no and we speculated that the neighbors in that area would not have been happy about the ball fields.

PEPCO is working on the power lines and replacing poles in the park and they are giving the park the old poles.

The boat center opened last weekend.

The seasonal employees are hired and working already.

The parking lot project at the Seneca Bluff's Trail is moving forward. We are waiting on bids, and the park will have to do some grading and take out some trees. After this is done the stone can be delivered and we will need to pay for the stone as it is delivered.

The park is now on Twitter.

The park looked into the polo shirts and found one estimate to be \$800.00 for 48 shirts. That is almost \$17.00 per shirt. Steve is going to look into some other options.

Roundtable- Everyone

Earl has been putting many hours of work into the peony garden and has transplanted many peonies into the main garden. Josette is leading tours of the peony garden on May 11 from 6-7 pm and May 12 from 11 am - 12 pm. There will also be tours on May 19th and 20th. There was a short discussion about the possibility of selling some of the peonies.

Steve stated that the 2 tax submissions were done. The old web site is down and the new one is up. It is the same address. It is a Google product and the park calendar is on the site. Steve asked if we could take a look at the web site and let him know if there are any corrections that need to be made.

Ellen mentioned that the port-a-potties are in place and she put her signs up.

Someone started a discussion about the Friends brochure and Steve said the he would print some copies, however the copy that we had, had many errors and Ken needed to update it.

Steve noted that we have not received any money from the Clif or Luna for the bars that they donated to the park.

Dave Scull said that the new Seneca Ridge Trail is open, is great, and we should all ride it when we can.

Kim stated that the WSSC has been told to replace all the sewer lines in the county by 2015, so they are working with the park to make sure that they can access all of the areas that they need.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, August 8th at 7:00 pm.

Addendum

On June 4th, Ken received an e-mail from Ed Branges stating that he was resigning from the board due to health reasons.

Ed Branges passed away on June 24. He was with his children at the time. There will be a celebration of his life on October 13th at SCSP.

Since the last meeting Ken had been working with Naomi on the parking lot project. Steve took over the handling of this project in June.

Steve received an e-mail from Dave McGill asking if we could pay for about \$500.00 in lawnmower repairs. Ken asked for board approval and it was approved although Steve said that approval for this purchase was not needed. MORE will reimburse us for this expenditure after it is done.

On July 5th, Ken received an e-mail from Kim asking if she could cancel the purchase request for the boat repairs that were approved at the last meeting and instead get approval for 3 grills for \$1500.00. This purchase was approved by the board.

On July 14th, Ken received an e-mail from Kim asking for an agreement between the park and the Friends by filled out and signed. We will talk about this at the next meeting.

On July 26th, Ken received an e-mail from Kim asking for a small donation to Park Quest. We will discuss this at the next meeting.

On August 3rd, Ken received an e-mail from the City of Gaithersburg containing a form to fill out to be a Winter Lights donation recipient.