

# Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

## Board Meeting Minutes from February 8, 2012

### Call to order at 7:00 pm

Attendee's- Steve Hackman, Earl Pfeiffer, Kim Lloyd, Ellen Erdelsky, Josette Wiggins, Bruce Goldensohn, Dave Scull, and Ken Grundy.

Absent- Dr. Stan Forster and Ed Branges

Approved minutes from November 19, 2011 meeting with corrections.

Pertaining to the last meeting minutes, the state found 3 more cases of the park maps in the storage facility. Those three cases are now at the park.

Since the last meeting, Kim Lloyd asked for some signs for Black Rock that stated "No Swimming". Ken e-mailed and called people for votes and the purchase was approved 4 yea's, 1 nay, and 1 no vote. The signs are already up.

Bruce Goldensohn was asked to join the board and he was unanimously voted in.

### Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman

See other sheet.

There are two donations that are noteworthy since the last meeting. \$1000.00 from the City of Gaithersburg from the Winter Lights proceeds and \$200.00 from the Sugarloafers.

Since the last meeting, we spent \$88.00 on stamps, \$199.00 on signs and \$72.40 on port-a-potties.

### Membership Report- Ellen Erdelsky

See other sheet. Smokey Glen Farm has not renewed yet for this year.

### Management Report- Kim Lloyd

The Volunteer Breakfast is going to be on February 18th.

The "No Swimming" signs that we approved since the last meeting are already up.

The state is still looking into making a beach at SCSP and it was originally created to have a beach.

The park had a water leak and have since received a bill from WSSC for \$10,000.00.

The Governor approved some upgrades to the parks and Seneca is going to receive a Nature Scape playground with could cost a couple of hundred thousand dollars.

One of the neighbors at Schaeffer Farms is Buddy Flynn. He owns the Gray Rock Ranch which is a horse boarding farm. ??

The Merrill company approached the park about doing a mud race at Schaeffer Farm and could use the parking at the Soccer Plex.

The state Volunteer Coordinator, Larry Martin, has retired and will be missed. He instituted the new computerized volunteer hour tracking system.

Shakespeare at the Park will not be coming back.

Elizabeth Poole retired from the City of Gaithersburg.

#### The Trail Project Grant for the parking lot:

At the SHA our contact is Terry Maxwell (his title is Grant Coordinator). The construction itself will not need to be bid out because the park is going to do the work themselves. Some of the items that need to be purchased will be gravel, a gate, and signs. We will probably have to buy the gravel first and the board agreed to make sure that we receive the payment from the state first before we pay out any other money. The property belongs to the state and the state is allowing us to do this project. Someone inquired about correcting the address on the paperwork to state Poolesville, while this is correct for the actual site of the project, the parks' address is Gaithersburg so we accepted the MOU as is. There were a couple of questions about the letter of acceptance and Kim answered those. As the MOU states we will be responsible for the initial payout for the project. Although Ken had verbally agreed to being the sponsor of this grant it was never officially voted on. After this discussion the vote came in 5 yeas, 1 abstain, and 2 absent.

#### Purchases Requests-

Weed wrench- 2 different sizes, \$400.00 plus shipping Approved unanimously.

At this time we discussed the budget for the park this summer and it was not good. There were no raises for seasonals. The boat center and concession stand will open later than usual. They will open on Memorial Day weekend for the weekends. They will open in mid June on the weekdays.

The park would like to purchase polo shirts for the volunteers and estimated that it would be about \$500.00 to \$600.00. After a short discussion, we agreed to put this on hold for now until we could get some more information.

Roundtable- Everyone

Josette mentioned that she may have met a possible new member, but they could not make it to the meeting tonight.

Ellen asked when the port-a-potties would be put out so that she could put up the signs. They will be out by mid April and Ellen will put up the signs again this year.

Kim stated that the CJC(Conservation Job Corp) was at the park 2 summers ago and will be sending out 24 kids this summer.

Bruce was a graduate of the 2009 class of Leadership Montgomery. He will now be listed as a board member of the Friends group with the Leadership Montgomery organization. As such, he will mention the Friends group at their next meeting and urge them to become members.

Earl mentioned that he got his annual letter from the state with his free park pass. You have to volunteer 100 hours in the calendar year to receive this award. For 2011, Ellen had 122 hours, Earl had 161 hours, and Steve had 538 hours

Ken talked to Ed within the last week and he is doing OK. He is still under treatment and is having a hard time swallowing anything too hot or too cold. Our prayers are with him for a speedy recovery.

The next meeting is scheduled for Wednesday, May 9<sup>th</sup> at 7:00 pm.