

Friends of Seneca Creek State Park

Minutes from May 19, 2010

1. Present: Steve Hackman, Dave Scull, Ed Branges, Bruce Goldensohn, Kim Lloyd, Josette Wiggins, and Ken Grundy

Absent: Dr. Stan Forster, Earl Pfeiffer, and Ellen Erdelsky.

2. Approval of minutes from 2/3/10

3. Treasurer's Report- Steve Hackman

See attached report.

Park Purchases- Tool chest for the maintenance department \$849.98. The board originally approved the purchase for \$1400.00.

We received a payment from MORE for the Schaeffer Road port a potty. We need to discuss the approval of the rental of the port a potty at the February meeting so it can be set up at the beginning of the season.

4. Management Report- Kim Lloyd

Josette Wiggins has replaced Chris Czarra as of April 7th.

Josette discussed the Park Quest activity this summer which has to do with invasive plants and geo-caching the largest of the species. There will be about 750 teams with activities at 24 different parks. A team will have to complete activities at 10 parks to be eligible to get in the final competition at Gunpowder State Park. Josette asked the board if we could make a donation to Park Quest or be a sponsor. Josette will e-mail me so the board and I can discuss this opportunity.

Josette also mentioned that she needs a lot of volunteers to get the customer survey's filled out.

Kim said that she should be conducting interviews soon to fill a park tech position that is open. They have had a good group of seasonal this year. A new naturalist is starting this weekend. In an effort to utilize the log cabin, Kim hopes to use it as the Grusendorf Nature Center.

There is a possible tax law change that we were unaware of and we may be late in submitting some forms. Steve and Ken will look into this.

Pets are now allowed on a leash in the day use area of the park except by the boat center and the main playground area.

5. Purchase Requests-

Signs to keep pets out of the playground area, estimated to cost about \$250.00.
Approved.

There was some discussion about how much money Steve has saved the Friends Group and the park in all of the years he has served in this capacity. He often negotiates a lower price even after he has shopped to find the best price around. It would be impossible to figure out an actual dollar amount but it would be astronomical.

We talked about a security system for the park.

The trail connection and expansion project has received approval. Some work should start on this project fairly soon.

The park staff is now working on updating the computer system.

Theater in the Park is scheduled to start on Thursday, July 15th and will have shows on Thursday, Friday, Saturday, and Sunday.

6. Roundtable-

Dave Scull asked about the trails and the flags on them and there was some discussion about this.

Bruce Goldensohn delivered a Governor's Volunteer Service Certificate to Ken Grundy. Bruce also talked about his house having an attempted break in but the alarm went off and the perpetrators got away. The police were on the scene in 4 minutes.

Ed Branges noted that there were some safety issues with the fishing pier but Kim stated that it was repaired and re-anchored. Ed presented the park management with a Certificate of Appreciation from Sugarloafer's.

Steve Hackman said that he received a letter from Verizon stating that if people note us as their charity of choice we may be eligible to receive funds from Verizon for people switching their service from another carrier to Verizon Velocity.

7. Next Meeting- Wednesday, August 11, 2010