

January 17, 2019

Present: Jim Perry, Rich Dirks, Dale and Mary Goodner, Don Gustafson, Carl Scholz, John Swanson, Susan Cubar, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass, Erin Brown-Stender, Erin Dembski-Rodriguez.

The agenda was approved (Don/John).

The minutes from December were approved (John/Dale).

The Treasurers report for December was approved (John/Dale). Expenses for the month were \$823.62. Income was \$1,171.65 (which included \$1000 from the T.O. Brown Foundation). The balance at Nicolet Bank is \$39,786.13 in checking and \$43,655.67 in savings (which includes \$30,070.35 for brachiopod restoration and \$7,134.88 for grooming equipment. It is anticipated that the DNR will provide \$22,052 for the brachiopod trail from the WSPS Partnership Enhancement Project.

Erin presented the park report. Jay Vosters from High Cliff Park will be helping during the staffing shortage. He will be available for the candlelight event. She asked each person to list their volunteer hours/activities and in-kind donations for 2017 and 2018. She has met the new DNR engineer who will compile and put together engineering specifications for the Brachiopod project. From her work will come bid specifications, as well as the identification of potential in-kind contributions. The DNR will select a contractor. It is possible that the work could be done during the summer of 2019.

It was approved (Susan/John) to increase the salary schedule for the LTE naturalist in the summer of 2019 to \$12.50 per hour (the portion for Dunes Park will be \$5250); the individual would work 320 hours and be shared 50/50 with Pot Park. With respect to hiring a new park manager, there remain a large number of vacancies due largely to retirements, but the DNR plans first to focus on law enforcement positions. Bottom line, the situation at Dunes Park is unclear.

Fire Ring Report. Lynn distributed photos of potential pits. It will be about 48 inches in diameter, surrounded by gravel to protect from sparks. More planning will be needed, plus approval by the DNR for location and type.

\$4,370 was received from the kayak concession from 2018. There was some preliminary discussion as to how this might be used. No decisions were taken.

At this point, the secretary needed to leave the meeting to attend a prior engagement. The remaining minutes were compiled by John.

New Business: Membership renewals: Susan is getting names of Clark Lake residents from public tax records; she will send them membership information via mail. Lynn will send a letter to the CLAA describing the park. There will be no increase in dues for this year.

Old Business: Park Benches. Susan presented a draft of the contract for park benches. The only change was language indicating that the benches would only be placed around the fire pit by the shelter. A memorial bench for Steve Wilke was approved to be paid by Friends (John/Susan). A Thomas O. Brown foundation \$1,000 grant has been received. Susan/John proposed adding this to the Naturalist Account. Passed. The 2018 Kayak Concession (\$4370) payment designation was tabled until more information regarding the costs of the Brachiopod Trail is known. With respect to the trail connector to Cave Point, Erin B reminded the Board that the DNR does not have a regional trail specialist at this time. Concern was expressed about damage done along volunteer trails. Jim commented on trash encountered at Cave Point. Erin B. will continue to explore options. Erin B and Eris D commented that the staff needs to make a decision by the weekend whether the Candlelight Ski should be held. The trails are currently very icy. There is a possibility of snow next week. The will inform Friends of their decision as soon as a decision is made regarding safety for skiers and walkers.

Meeting was adjourned (Dale/Rich)