

Friends of Whitefish Dunes Park Minutes, December 6, 2018

Present: Lynn Zawojski (pres), John Swanson, Susan Cubar (treas), Jim Perry, Rich Dirks, Dale and Mary Goodner, Don Gustafson, Carl Scholz, Adele Douglass (sec). The following guests also attended the meeting: Jim Williamson, Jerry and Ronda Schomburg, Doug Otopalin, Bill Hensge, Joy Gustafson, Michael Zawojski, Ruth Scholz.

The meeting was called to order at 10:40.

The agenda was approved (John/Jim).

The minutes from November were approved with small corrections (Mary/Jim).

The Treasurer's report was approved (Rich/Dale). The income for November was \$5,174.54, which includes \$4,370 from the kayak concession. Expenses were \$639.84. A net balance was not available because the November bank statement had not yet been received. Total funds available for the Brachiopod Boardwalk project are \$52,122.35.

There was no park report since all staff was attending a training session.

New Business: Fire Ring: This was deferred to January until staff would be present. Same for the 2019 schedule since park staff also needs to be consulted for this.

Old Business: Park benches. John showed a photo of the type used at Pot Park. The cost to make each bench is \$125 and they are sold for \$500. The cost for lettering is \$1.25 per letter. The bench location and writing must be approved by the park staff. Brachiopod Boardwalk. All funds are promised or in hand. The DNR needs to do an engineering survey before the project can be put out for bidding. Some in-kind participation by Friends is also possible. Candlelight Walk/Ski/Snowshoe. This is scheduled for January 26, 2019. John reports that there are plenty of candles on hand but we will need to acquire more paper bags and popcorn, cider, and perhaps a few other supplies. Rich and John propose a somewhat shorter route, and that the hiking portion be in the Brachiopod area. Snowshoes. A rental or use program was discussed. About a dozen pairs are owned by the park. A volunteer to manage this will be needed. Naturalist. It has been recommended that the salary be raised to \$12.50 per hour. This was approved (Dale/Don). Income from Kayak Concession. A few suggestions were offered as to how to use the funds from this program. Some ideas brought forward were: fire pit, extra naturalist programs, snow trail maintenance, special speaker, wood chip trail to Cave Point to protect exposed roots. More discussion needed about this.

Carl urged further discussion about the DNR master plan for the Dunes Park. He is especially concerned about the language of camping and boat launch. We all agreed that we must keep the staffing issued in before the DNR in all our communications.

Adjourn at 11:40 followed by holiday luncheon.

Next meeting is January 17 at 4:30.