

## Whitefish State Park Friends

Minutes April 18, 2019

Present: Susan Cubar, Rich Dirks, Don Gustafson, John Swanson, Jim Perry, Erin Brown Sender, Erin Dembski, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass

The agenda was approved with three additions (Susan/Don).

The minutes from March were approved (Susan/Rich).

The Treasurer's report was approved (John/Don). Income during March was \$338.17. Expenses were \$55.44. Total funds in checking and savings were \$77,164.83. At the moment total funds available for the Brachiopod Boardwalk repair are \$52,122.35.

Erin D. gave the park report. (1) The engineer will come again when all snow is gone to finish preparing the specifications for the boardwalk replacement. The goal remains to begin work before the end of the fiscal year (June 2019); Erin is not sure that timeline can be met, but if the total cost is 50K or less, she remains hopeful. (2) She described a meeting with Ben Nelson, Supervisor of Door County Parks. Door County is reworking the master plan for its parks. Mr. Nelson was receptive to the idea of joining the trails that connect The Dunes with Cave Point County Park; she and Mr. Nelson will walk the trail in the near future. The surface will be gravel. Erin B. described another change at the DNR which will work to consolidate law enforcement into one program, which in effect reverses a change made a few months ago.

Trail Report: Rich is preparing an application to the Raibrook Foundation to fund a new snow machine and roller. The total cost will be 13.1K; our request will be for half of this.

New Business: (1) Jim reports continuing to find cairns, litter, and rocks moved or missing. He has also observed drones flying in the area as well as people writing their names on the rocks. The majority of this type of activity occurs on weekends and late afternoons. Erin B. expressed recognition of the need to message the rules about drones, privacy, and wildlife concerns. She is

appreciative of Jim's eyes and attention to this problem. It was suggested that signs about trail etiquette be posted; Susan also suggested forming a group of trail ambassadors to provide a presence and education. She will work with Jim to get this initiative underway. (2) Dunes work day is Saturday April 27 from 9am to noon with lunch provided. A signup sheet was passed around: 6 volunteers thus far. A reminder email will be sent to members. (3) It was voted to designate the \$500 check from the Wick Charitable Fund toward the purchase of media equipment for the Park Nature Center Auditorium (Sue/John).

Old Business: (1) Post cards: Jim continues to explore this area and presented some suggested photos. He will be in contact with a supplier for a quote for 500 cards (of one design). (2) Media equipment: John presented a proposal to purchase media equipment (to replace the outdated/non functioning current equipment) for the Park Nature Center Auditorium. It was voted to spend up to \$1500 for this equipment to include a 75 inch TV screen, DVD player, mounting bracket, related cables, surge protector, and warranty protection (Sue/John). (3) Fire Pit: A discussion about building a fire pit near the shelter building continued. Lynn provided some quotes. The general consensus was that the screen cover should be locked. Other questions were raised as to the size of Adele's fire pit which was loaned to us for the summer candlelight walk and whether we will need to provide more firewood. Both Erin D and Erin B were in favor of proceeding with planning. More discussion at a future meeting.

Next meeting is Thursday 16 May @4:30 PM.