

**Friends of Whitefish Dunes, Inc.**  
**3275 Clark Lake Rd., Sturgeon Bay, WI 54235**

### **Minutes of Friends Board Meeting 7-20-22**

**Present:** John Swanson, Julia Stoneman, Susan Cubar, Liz Story, Adele Douglass, Jim Perry, Doug Otopalik, Lynn Zawojski, Don Gustafson, Max Martin, Sarah Stepanik, and Erin Brown Stender

**Absent:** Rich Dirks, Dick Weidman

**Call to Order:** The meeting was called to order at 3:57 by John Swanson

**Minutes:** Motion to approve minutes of 6-22: Susan; second, Don. All in favor.

#### **Treasurer's Report (Julia):**

Income: \$6,224.50

Expenses: \$21, 845.68

- June sales picking up. Clothing and book sales doing well.
- Knowles-Nelson grant for Old Baldy improvements has been received.
- Payment made for DNR Naturalist Fund
- Initial deposit made to the Whitefish Dunes Carl Scholz Memorial Fund through DC Community Foundation.

Motion to approve Treasurer's Report: Don; second, Adele. All in favor.

#### **Park Report (Sarah):**

- June saw 27,426 visitors, which is 325 more than last year, but 1,111 more than average for the month.
- 4th of July weekend (July 1-4): We had 6,993 visitors, down 3,056 from 2021.
  - Fewer boats moored offshore
  - Locking of gate at 8:00 pm resolved problems associated with 4th.
  - Overall the long weekend went well.

#### Park Manager Projects:

- Motion sensing hand dryers installed in Nature Center bathrooms
- Aquatic invasive species tank is up and running. Rusty crayfish in tank. Mussels have not survived, and waiting for Gobies. Both species are being sought.
- Wendy Wagner will create interpretive signs to educate visitors on invasive species.

#### Native American Village Repair:

- The Forest Band of Potawatomi toured the Native American Village. Tribal members offered to stay in touch and help rebuild birch wigwams next spring.
- John Bagnall and Sarah will make new fish trap for Middle Woodland display in off season.

#### Brachiopod Trail and ADA Parking Lot:

- We are clear to proceed with the ADA parking lot. Jessica will provide dimensions so we can draw up plans.
- We have the go-ahead for the Brachiopod Trail reroute funding. Jessica is working on plans for this project.

#### Cave Point Trail:

- Mike Duke and other DNR Rec people walked the trail and discussed reroute and construction options. Once route is planned, we can contact archaeologist for final approval of route. Before construction, the plan will be shown to the County Parks office.

#### Taxidermy:

- Mike Orthober requested waiting until fall before we drop off mounts.

**Trail Report:** No report

**Trail Ambassadors (Doug):**

- No news. Doug would like to get hours submitted from Ambassadors.

**Membership (Susan):**

- Short eNews sent out in early July.

**Pollinator Garden (Don):**

- New soaker hoses are working well.

**Park Events Calendar:**

- Summer Candlelight Event: Saturday August 20, 6-9 pm

- Fall Work Day: Deciding on date for Saturday in October, 9-noon. Friends will provide lunch.

- Annual Meeting and Holiday Potluck: December 8

- Master Naturalist Training: 2023

**Adjournment:** Motion to adjourn: Susan; second, Don. All in favor. Meeting adjourned at 5:05 pm.

The next meeting is on Wednesday, 8/17/22 at 4 pm.

Respectfully submitted,

Liz Story

Secretary