

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

Minutes of the Friends Board Meeting, 7/24/2024

Present: John Swanson, Dick Weidman, Julia Stoneman, Susan Cubar, Corey Meyer, Jim Perry, Don Gustafson, Doug Otopalik, Lynn Zawojski, Sarah Stepanik, Erin Brown Stender.

Absent: Adele Douglass, Rich Dirks, Max Martin, Liz Story

Call to order: J. Swanson called the meeting to order at 4 p.m.

Agenda: presented.

Minutes: Motion to approve the minutes from the 6/26/2024 meeting as circulated by L. Story: by D. Weidman, S. Cubar second. All in favor.

Treasurer Report: Motion to approve the June 2024 Treasurer's Report as circulated by J. Stoneman, by D. Otopalik, D. Weidman second. All in favor.

Treasurer Search Subcommittee: Report by D. Weidman. He contacted Amy Philips who has nonprofit / accounting / past Friends experience. She may be willing to work for the Friends board, to support the new treasurer. Discussion about Treasurer position, Friends needs, outside accounting help, etc. Committee will further discuss this opportunity with A. Philips and report back to the board.

Park Report: S. Stepanik presented the 7/2024 park report as circulated. Highlights: J. Poppie, the summer naturalist is doing a great job and we may be able to get her to return next summer. Sign for renaming auditorium for A. Miller has been ordered. Native Village concept designs due soon. Peil to look at needs for Old Baldy. Lily Bay to assess cost for Cave Point Trail. New entrance gate was installed.

Ambassador Report: Nothing new to report.

Membership & Clothing: S. Cubar reported we've received 33 annual renewals. New clothing order was received this week, including a new style of cap.

Pollinator Garden: D. Gustafson described what's currently in bloom and recent additions.

Destination Door County Meeting Report: J. Swanson reported that the Door County Friends group presidents met online (7/8/2024) with DDC. DDC is committed to helping the groups to raise the matching funds with media, etc.

EVENTS

Events discussed were the recent **Boys & Girls Club** visits (well attended); **Universe in the Park** (date 8/10/24, 8-10 p.m.); **Summer Candlelight** (Smokey Bear Anniversary, date 8/17/24 7-9 pm.; S Cubar will email request for volunteers; L.Zawojski will check on food supplies)

GRANT FUNDED PROJECTS

Projects discussed were Old Baldy (current); Native American Exhibits (design phase underway); Fisher mount (due this fall); FoWFD Incentive Grant (\$3500 for naturalist & Kids Don't Float); Old Baldy (Stantec closeout submitted; Brachiopod Trail (close out submitted)

-Cave Point Trail: K/N grant approved; total \$40,000. **MOTION:** To approve up to \$25,000 to pay for trail prep, tree removal and gravel, by J. Swanson, second D. Weidman. All in favor.

OLD BUSINESS

Memorial plaque has been ordered for auditorium, \$231 + shipping: Dedicated in Memory of Allen Dewey Miller.

NEW BUSINESS

J. Swanson & S. Stepanik reported on the DDC grants and the Friends' plans for the Native American village and museum exhibit.

MOTION: by D. Otopalik, S. Cubar second. To approve the Friends moving ahead to raise the match of \$50,000 (to the DDC \$50,000 grant) for the construction of the Native American village and related museum exhibit in the Nature Center. All in favor.

Our next meeting is on August 28, 2024, at the Nature Center.

J. Swanson adjourned the meeting at 5:30 p.m. Motion: Weidman, Perry second. All in favor.