
Friends of the Outlet, Inc. Meeting

Tuesday, October 30, 2018

Attendees

Gwen Chamberlain, Rachel Knapton, Peg Thompson, Steve Stork, Mickey Orr, Kristi Hoag

Meeting called to order at (Lyons)(Kitchen)

Gwen Chamberlain calls meeting to order at 7:07 PM

No guests from the public

Maintenance Report (Presented by Mickey Orr)

Brush hog would be \$2300 (estimate, thanks to Norm). Kristi comments that we cannot function without a brush hog with the amount of work needed on the trail. Peg wonders if a brush hog could be used to create a trail in certain areas (Mickey says yes, if it's just weeds and whatnot). Kristi wonders if we need it now, Mickey thinks it can wait until next year (after snowy months). Seems like a favorable use of monies. Kristi gives kudos to the volunteers and committees from the Maintenance Team.

Kristi makes a motion to purchase the brush hog

Rachel seconds the motion

All in favor. The ayes have it.

Mickey mentions that the parking area near Cascade would be a great use of the brush hog. (Agreed!)

New tractor has been out, it's done a lot of work already, especially down at Cascade.

Keuka Lax team came down on October 13th at Lion's club area. Cleaned up what had overgrown, opened up locke some more (some trees had fallen in). Covell has to come down to clean up a little more, but all manageable.

Sluice pipe is in (partially). Pipe was only \$570, after an estimate of closer to \$900. Will all be reimbursed from the county (including the value of the hours the crew worked on it).

Fox project (Norm Koek is looking into cost of having new Lions building down there).

A bat house has been put up! Between bench in Hopeton and Dresden.

One more meeting in November, will not meet in December or January, possibly not in February. Peg offers that we have 6 file cabinets, in case the Maintenance crew would like one. Gwen mentions it might be a good idea to put it into the room with security.

Rachel will pass on to Dean and Grace Knapton that there is a coffin and chair available that were abandoned on the trail.

Kristi motions that we accept the minutes

Peg Seconds

Steve corrects: Volunteers are covered under our insurance with a limit of up to \$20,000.

All in favor with the corrections: Ayes have it.

Membership Report (Presented by Kristi Hoag)

3 new family members and 1 pet membership this month

354 members

132 sponsorship letters have gone out today.

\$12,880 in membership

\$1529 in member donations

Kristi suggests that when we send out individual memberships that we add some non-members to our mailing list to invite them to become members.

Also suggests that someone be at events (like the Chicken BBQ) to sell memberships.

Gwen suggests picking dates for board members to be on the trail to sell memberships. Kristi agrees, we need to be chatting with people.

Rachel suggests incentivizing the membership. Kristi says that the newsletter is an incentive and something only members receive.

Planning Committee

Finance Report (presented by Steve Stork)

\$36,604.17 Checking

\$55,794.15 Money Market

CD at the Finger Lakes (approx. \$20,000)

Community Relations Report (presented by Rachel Knapton)

Kristin Burch and Hannah Peck have joined the Community Relations Committee.

The committee is finishing up the final order for the TAC grant this year.

Kristi feels the committee needs to meet again for a consensus and that email consensus is not appropriate.

The finance committee will meet on November 20th--the Community Relations committee will need to meet before that to finalize recommendations.

President's Report (Presented by Gwen Chamberlain)

Lions Parking Lot sign: issue with the font--had to be sent back to the artist. Sign should be up before snowfall!.

PY Downtown revitalization initiative: Gwen may be a part of the strategic planning committee. If Gwen is unable, Steve Stork will step-up to volunteer. Kristi wonders what will be affected, Cherry Street to Sports Complex, maybe all the way out to the lake. Gwen spoke with the people at Design Connect to share our graphics and signs will be similar to the signs we have up on the trail.

Mayor of PY wants the Friends of the Outlet to be involved in the process. First meeting is next Thursday, November 8, at 5:30 in the Village Hall.

Meeting with Andy Zepp will happen on Thursday at 2 PM at the PY Village Hall (Finger Lakes Land Trust). Kristi wonders if we'll be attending the conference previously discussed.

HWS want to work with us on a data gathering project! One of their sociology seminars will be involved, perhaps in the spring. Interviewing trail users, why do you come to the trail, how often do you come, etc. etc.

Starshine: Peg doesn't think it's a valuable event for the Friends of the Outlet. The board agrees.

Country Meats: The board appreciates the offer of the fundraiser, but doesn't feel that it lines up with our mission statement.

Board Comments

Steve asks if the Planning Committee has made a consensus on the fencing around the Taylor building. The Planning Committee has not met, but Gwen will be contacting appropriate people about what steps need to be taken about the property.

Kristi makes a motion to adjourn the meeting at 7:48 meeting.

Steve second.

Meeting adjourns at 7:48 PM.