
Friends of the Outlet, Inc. Meeting

Wednesday, August 22, 2018.

Attendees

Gwen Chamberlain, Kristi Hoag, Phil Rahr, Steve Miller, Mickey Orr, Rachel Knapton, Steve Stork, Deb Clancy

Meeting called to order at 7:08 (Cascade Pavillion)

Kristi Hoag motions to accept June minutes, Phil seconds, all in favor. Motion passes

Maintenance Report (Presented by Mickey Orr)

Phil and Dan walked the section of the trail between Fox Mill and Milo Mill to check out surface to see if we could add gravel to level it off. Decided it didn't make any sense (too uneven and muddy). Need to try to get a tractor in there to move dirt around and make it more even/flat.

Mickey wondered if we needed a tractor or a bulldozer?

Do we need to resurface the whole trail or just parts?

Kristi wants to know the distance from Milo Mill to Fox Mill (about a mile? 5000 feet) 100 feet cost \$1000, so \$50,000

Discussion of checking other vendors for a different estimate

Security is up and running, porta potty has been installed

Maintenance committee can move old outhouses to the campground so we can put new Porta-Potties at Cascade

Guest suggested that Rotary pay for \$85 a month of Porta-Potties at Cascade

Mowing and other standard operations are going well

Kristi offers kudos to all of the maintenance folk for the wonderful work they've been doing

Primitive campsite gate, no lock (not worth it)

Milo is going to take care of the sluice pipe (not done yet) And they'll remove a fallen wall

Guest Norm mentions getting a gator (vehicle) for trail

Gator can't do enough, but maybe a tractor

Used John Deere (smaller 25 horse with bucket and mower, 2015, only 66 hours) (just around \$14,000)

Twin Pines has LS tractors (same thing brand new, just under \$15,000)

John Deere in Hall for a state bid \$16,000

Joan Hansen of the Hansen Fund agreed to buy tractor, willing to pay \$16,300 (tax exempt form needed)

Kristi makes a motion to go ahead with purchase and the overage of \$300 if Hansen can't cover it

Steve seconds
All in favor. Motion Passes
(Need diesel gas cans marked clearly for tractor)

Phil says coaches at Keuka are looking for work for their teams down on the outlet trail

Membership Report (presented by Kristi Hoag)

Membership: 349 members (8 renewals, 8 new members, 32.7% increase from last august)
Redid membership program forms

\$12,450 total revenue from memberships to date.

Finance Report (presented by Steve Stork)

Total revenue 41,698.04
Expenditures 31,080.61
Net rev 10,600

Prioritize funding for upcoming activities funding

Finger Lakes CD is maturing this months
\$50,999

Finance committee recommends cashing out \$30,000 to use for improvements on the trail and
put 20,000 back in a CD

Kristi makes a motion to make the transaction

Steve stork seconds

All in favor

Motion Passes

Gwen reads a note with a check for \$50 from an out of town visitor. Ellen Putnam and Mark
Dean of Northampton Mass. Gwen sent a thank you note

Gwen recommends we use Amazonsmile to donate to organization (no expense on our part)
.5% from every purchase made once the buyer uses Amazonsmile and chooses The Outlet
Trail

Guide star/Network for good

Donator can choose to pay the administrative fee

Community Relations Report (presented by Phil Rahr)

Summer: lots of great things happening, including foraging event that had limit of 20 people and 35 showed up: everyone had a great time! We've gone through many trail guides, and Phil recommends shifting some funding toward more trail guides

Looking for volunteer projects

Plein air painting in the fall (use TAC grant funds)

Use some money to sponsor a music event at Cascade/picnic for members or trail users, need approval for tastings associated

Kristi mentioned Tunes for Trails and keeping it simple and not doing anything else

The board discussed the merits and pitfalls of this kind of event

Decision to postpone the event entirely

President's Report (Presented by Gwen Chamberlain)

PY village board meeting approved an environmental assessment plan of a stabilization of the bank by cherry street

Village will build a retaining wall and will make our trail space wider (By Fema and the village of PY)

Replacing trestle bridge with pedestrian bridge

Gwen has an idea to celebrate with a party when bridges are all complete

Gwen and Steve were invited to the World Trade Center to accept the \$2500 grant for security system but are unable to attend--will send a thank you note.

A gentlemen would like to remove wood from a downed tree Larry Cassler

Rachel motions that we allow this

Deb seconds

Steve asked (insurance wise) if it's on our property, but if its fallen

Steve recommends signing a disclaimer, he'll send a sample one

Gwen thinks board need policy for this sort of thing in the future--Planning committee

Approved, pending disclaimer sent. Motion passes

Tbex monday night september 10th 700 people ish VIP reception, invite keuka lake outlet trail.

Rachel volunteers to take over this event.

Steve Stork makes a motion made to close the meeting

Rachel seconds

Adjourn at 8:14 pm

