

Friends of the Outlet, Inc. Meeting
Wednesday, November 20, 2019

Attendees: Gwen Chamberlain, Phil Rahr, Kristin Burch, Mickey Orr, Steve Stork, Deb Clancy, Dan Mackey, Thomas McGuigan, Steve Miller

Guests: Lizzy Lafferty

Gwen Chamberlain called the meeting to order at 7 PM

Public Comment: None

Maintenance Report (Presented by Mickey Orr)

The pavilion construction will begin in the spring. Norm is recruiting volunteer contractors who will help with the project.

Mickey will be looking into whatever upkeep needs to be done on the equipment.

The Maintenance committee will not be meeting until early 2020, but Mickey wants to start working on clearing trees from near the Ridge Road parking area so the Town of Milo highway crew can have access to expand the parking area there.

Mickey reported on the work the Milo Highway crew completed at the Seneca Millsite area.

Mickey reported Rick Ayers from Yates County Soil & Water has looked at the erosion near the Turtle Pond, and he's concerned that heavy equipment could cause more damage to the trail.

Secretary Report Motion by Tom seconded by Dan to accept the finance report. Unanimously approved.

Finance Report (presented by Steve Stork)

Steve went over finance report from October/November

We have had some big bills that have brought down our accounts.

Checking: \$7,403.40

Money Market \$55,989.67

CD Bank of Finger Lakes \$20,790.05

Hansen funds \$41,171.83

LNB -Hansen \$5,069.67

PayPal \$616.60

Gwen reported she is preparing reimbursement request for Yates County funding for the safety improvements and funds spend on the pavilion.

Motion by Tom seconded by Dan to accept the finance report. Unanimously approved.

Membership Report - Gwen is preparing the sponsorship letter for mailing soon. She will circulate a draft for comment.

Planning Committee - Gwen and Steve Miller reported on the meeting with State Parks officials who have offered assistance with grant applications.

Community Relations Report (presented by Phil Rahr)

The newsletter has been delivered and we are getting some feedback from people who are requesting printed copy rather than digital when the change is made in 2020.

The committee will be meeting in December to plan a calendar of events for 2020.

Phil explained the idea of inclusiveness certification and recommends the board members take the training. There is a 3-hour free training to familiarize the participant with inclusive assessments, or a longer training for a fee that can result in the participant becoming certified to conduct the assessments. Dan is certified and says there's a possibility the Keuka College Occupational Therapy students might be able to assist with assessing the trail, and the Keuka College Adventure Program might be able to help the Friends develop the Campsite and include accessible lean-tos. Dan and Phil will share more information.

Phil reported that the Keuka College Senior Communications Class is making a video of the Keuka Outlet Trail. It will include interviews with people and scenes from the trail. It will be available to the Friends for our use.

Phil said Kristin and friends will be at the Bruce Hansen Memorial pavilion Nov. 29 to engage with trail users in celebration of the Friends of the Outlet 30th anniversary. Other board members are encouraged to join in if possible between 10 a.m. and 1 p.m.

President's Report (Presented by Gwen Chamberlain)

It was announced at the Chamber of Commerce Annual Meeting that a donation of \$2,900 will be given to The Friends of the Outlet from proceeds of the Community Table dinner.

Gavin Ingle and members of Scout Troop #82 installed split rail fencing along the bank in front of the fallen log benches at the Sheridan Rock and at two locations between Lions Parking Lot and Mays Mills.

The pedestrian bridge between the Liberty Street and Main Street bridges has been placed. Installation will be complete after the Manufactured Gas Plant project is complete and the trail access from Water Street can be established.

Representatives from Arcadis were on site Monday to look at the Kelly Tire Building. During a conference call earlier this month we learned they are planning demolition in spring/summer of 2020. They gave us a ballpark figure for demolition of the Kelly Tire Building of \$113,000 but that is without looking at the structure.

Gwen circulated information about a Finger Lakes Tourism Alliance Christmas party at Lakeside Country Club from 3 to 6 p.m. Dec. 10. The deadline for RSVP is Dec. 4, so if you would like to go, please let me know by Dec. 3 so I can submit all the names together. This could be a fun time for us to get together!

Gwen also circulated information about the Seneca Lake 9E plan Project Advisory Committee. The board consensus is that the Friends of the Outlet should be represented on the committee.

Board Comments

Dan give an update on the project proposed by the Girl Scouts to donates boot brush and invasive species signs and dog poop bag stations. The board recommended they be installed at Dresden, Ridge Road and Lions parking lot.

The meeting was adjourned at 8 p.m.