

Minutes

Friends of the Outlet: Board Meeting: February 24, 2016

Present: Mickey Orr, Dave Reeve, Norm Koek, Peg Thompson, Gwen Chamberlain, Nancy Tharp, Hatter Reynolds, Ivan Oberholtzer, Charles McClure (on Skype)

Absent: Tom McGuigan

Visitor: Don Oakleaf (Penn Yan Rotary), John Tharp

Minutes: Dave moved to accept the minutes and Norm seconded. Motion was passed. Nancy will send Hatter minutes from last meeting saying board verified the minutes.

Financial Report: Dave moved to accept the report, Ivan seconded. Motion was passed.

Cornell University Landscape Architecture Program: Rob Schwarting came to report on it. Design Studio Class does design projects for organizations as a class project. Rob explained the process and gave possible ideas. Chuck advised that we look at and discuss Steve Knapp's vision. We might be able to come up with something in between Steve's and the Class vision. Dave reports that we already have all the information that we could easily give to the class. This was done for the presentation to the legislature. Rob agrees that it would be something he could take to the class and ask them to come with ideas from it. Chuck moved that we provide the Cornell people with a basic packet on the trail including the vision statement, etc.. Dave seconded it. Motion was passed.

Don Oakleaf: The Rotary is interested in the trail. On May 14 there will be an event on Main St. called Flights of Fancy that might benefit the trail, ex, place benches on the trail made by Academy students.

A Committee Reports

Membership: Dave passed out a report of membership. Acknowledgments will be included with March newsletter. Peg included responses to improvement ideas requests from the membership form.

Website: Rob explained that they want to access it for the Wine Classic. Chuck and Hatter are working on making the first page more friendly. Can we remove the "closed" statement? We need more signs about it being a nature trail and walk at your own risk. Mickey moved that we remove the statement "closed" and add "walk with caution". Norm seconded it. Motion was passed. Dave mentioned that we, as board members, should regularly walk the trail and make notes on problem areas.

Bylaws: Chuck suggested we invest in services of an attorney who specializes in 501C. After talking with an attorney Chuck decided he could do it himself. Chuck sent out a draft of by-laws that he worked on.

Insurance: \$500 per year for the umbrella , \$240 every two years for improved benefits for board members. Hatter moved to accept this, Chuck seconded. Motion was passed.

Old Business:

Right of Way for Greenwich project: Attorneys still working on document to present to us.

Land Donation: Hopeton land is now ours.

April Cleanup Day: April 9. John Tharp reported on walking the trail with a rep, Jerod, from City Hill. He talked to Lance Yonge to see what the Town of Milo can do. Also talked to Ralph Corey, owner, about the new garbage dumped on his property over the outlet. He will walk the trail Friday with Ralph.

Logging on Trail: Tim Hanson will have someone walk the trail and identify what kind of logging could be done. Dave presented a sample of topographic map we could have of the whole trail. Peg would like to see the Master Forester Program involved.

Membership premiums/barbecue event: Still looking into this.

New Business:

Fundraiser Dinner: April 27, 2016 is Annual meeting. Perhaps a fundraiser dinner before the meeting would draw more people. It was suggested to have the dinner at 5:30 PM. Norm mentioned we need to have presale tickets.

Nomination Committee: Gwen will chair it.

Dog Park: Peg would like a contact person from the village come to a meeting. Proposed sight is on Cherry Street.

Section Assessments: Peg handed out sheet on Access points and mileage.

Celebrate Service Date: April 24, 2016.

Sweep Program: Rob is going to see if we are eligible for the program.

Dave again moved that we purchase the Quick Books program, Gwen seconded it. Hatter wants to get the online program and gave his reasons. Dave amended his motion to purchase the online version. Motion was passed.

Gwen reported the probation department wants an impact statement and cost of repairs for the vandalism. Consensus was that this person should not be allowed on the trail for a set time.

John Tharp suggested that a list of clean up dates be posted so that people that walk the trail can get involved if they like.

Dave reported that Steve Knapp proposed an event at the Bruce Hanson sight with the Humane Society. Peg already talked to them.

Dave also reported that Leona has an idea of tours as a fund raiser.

Next meeting will be on March 23, 2016 at 7 PM.

Meeting was adjourned at 9:15 PM.