

Friends of Wabeno 3/10/2016

Minutes: Motion by Kathy McHugh to approve minutes, second by Darlene Edelbeck, all in favor.

Phase 3 : Wabeno Parks Improvement Project –

Self-Guided Tour: Mary and Bruce have been working on self-guided walking tours for Wabeno. Mary got a few bids for them which averaged out to \$2.00 a piece but unfolded. Melinda Otto of the Forest County Chamber stated that this may be eligible for the Forest County grant that supports promotions. The grant can go up to \$3,000 and the deadline is June 1, Mary will research.

Sidewalk Museum: Mary received a quote from K2Pro out of Crandon for this project. The 11x17 photos will be \$22.00 each with UV protection. Total cost would be about \$200 for 8 pictures mounted to the platform. We will need volunteers to construct the posts (Tim Tucker volunteered). We can do 15 pictures on one sheet. Discussion was held concerning where these sidewalk museums will be put. 1). In front of town hall 2). In front of library 3). In front of museum. Lynn did express concern of this area – as the Wabeno Park Commission have discussed of having too many items on the museum lawn already. Another idea was for businesses to purchase a historical picture of their own building and have it mounted to their face front. Mary stated that she has a flicker page with close to 500 pictures that were downloaded from the pictures Mike Monte, “Pioneer Express” copied from the museum. Mary hoped that we should have at least two sidewalk museums constructed and in place for the Wabeno Open House May 14.

Boardwalk : Paul Ehlinger stated that he has been in contact with the Army Core of Engineers and they stated that they can forego their decision making about the boardwalk that is in question of being in the wetland and if it has to be pulled up or not. The DNR states that the boardwalk has to be pulled up and the Army Core of Engineers have decided to go with their decision. Pam LaBine said to pull it out then but is going to take a copy of our DNR grant and speak with Tom Tiffany. Mary stated that we will wait this one out until Pam reports back to us. The boardwalk will cost money, from pulling it out, to building a boardwalk over it. We will have to elevate it over this area for the water can flow under it and plants can grow.

Benches: Mary contacted the Job Corps and they will build three benches for us per Dave Will. Tim Tucker has the logs already cut in half. Mary called the Job Corp about staining and sealing them also. Another idea was to have “Adopt A Boardwalk Section” for 1000 feet of it. The issue of the benches being ADA approved, with Mary calling and finding out those standards do not apply with benches. But we do need to have them angled to where the gravel is. We do have enough logs for the benches. Paul Ehlinger will talk with Mark Coenen about getting a group of people together to build some benches. Darlene will talk to Dan Edelbeck about this also. When the idea of cutting trees down and not using them Paul stated that the trees that were alongside the band shell were cut up and used for the roof above the sleigh log.

Mary stated that Job Corp also builds ADA approved cement picnic tables. They are free to us. The idea of placing one on the island for then vandalism will be cut down and too heavy to throw in the creek. It was decided if the Job Corp can actually get a picnic table over to the island then we will take one but no if they can't.

Plaques: Kathy reported that K2Pro has metal plaques, Feights of Rhinelander has plastic that are 3x6 at 15 cents a letter with any color we want and whatever font. They stated that the colors do not fade. Darlene also brought a sample of a plaque and will research the cost, colors and fonts. To sponsor a bench would cost \$250 and the cost of the plaque would come out of this sponsorship money.

Adopt A Boardwalk: Maggie and Brian Pichotta have come forward to adopt a portion of the boardwalk. Mary contacted the school to see if they would like to adopt a portion and she is waiting for their response.

Flowers: Darlene is working on contacting a gardening group and to work with them concerning the types of flowers and plants to plant along the boardwalks. Lynn stated that Melody Klockow is to be in the loop as she is the flower lady of the Wabeno Park Commission.

WAM FEST: The grant is due March 21 with \$6,000 being asked for. Mary stated that the Lions will be selling the beer and they will receive 25%. The WAM Fest is featured in the Forest County Guide this year. There will be a higher level of musicians. There will be outdoor art paintings with artists placed around town painting the older buildings.

Welcome to Wabeno Sign: Mary stated that there may be a grant to have a new sign made up with different things that Wabeno has to offer.

Lumberjack Hiking Trail: We still have the \$10,000 grant for this project. Mary contacted Camp LeFebre Boy Scout Camp and they stated they would like it to pursue the idea of opening the trail back up as a project. Mary will contact Casey Swanson who worked with us on this idea as he works for the Potawatomi tribe as we cross over some of their property. Mary stated that Al Murray no longer works for the Potawatomi but she would like to talk with him yet.

Next Meeting: April 14

Adjourn: Motion by Tim Tucker to adjourn at 8:30, second by Kathy McHugh, all in favor.