

Friends of Wabeno

4/14/2016

5 people present (Mary Beck, Lynn LaRock, Kathy and Ralph McHugh and Biz McEwen.

**Minutes:** Minutes were handed out. Motion by Kathy McHugh to accept the minutes as read, second by Biz McEwen. All in favor.

**Treasury Report:** Treasurer Darlene Edelbeck was not present at the meeting but reported to Mary Beck previously that there were no changes since last meeting.

**Phase 3 – Wabeno Parks Improvement:** Boardwalk. A. Benches – we have 6’ logs that Paul Ehlinger and Tim Tucker will cut in half for the benches. Job Corps is concerned about being ADA compliant- Mary Beck contacted Great Lakes ADA Center and there are no ADA guidelines for outdoor benches. B. Plaques for the benches that are purchased by organizations, families, etc., will be through the person that Darlene had the information from last meeting. C. Adopt a boardwalk – Mary will write a comment in the newspapers to get sponsors to adopt a section of the boardwalk. The trail in the FF Grounds may not need to be removed because Governor Walker is signing a bill this month that states the shoreline property owner has the rights over the DNR.

**Planters:** A. Remove trees – Kathy and Ralph will take out the trees. B. Spring plantings – concern about watering the plants – Mary will contact Town Chairman Paul Ehlinger about the town doing it. They have the equipment to do it as they have in the past. Or another idea would be to contact each business they are located by and have the business tend to them. Budget per planter will be \$65.00 for which we have 11 planters. We will have two planters on the bandshell this year. Kathy will contact Flowers Galore (Raletta Ashbeck), Flowers From the Heart (Bruce Walentowski), and Marilyn’s Greenhouse about the plants. Kathy will also look into tags to indicate which business created each planter.

**State Open House on May 14 from 10:00 – 5:00:** A. Self-Guided Tour booklets – one will be for the historical buildings and one for the parks area. There will be 1000 for each and the total cost will be \$1650 (plus tax) and they will be folded. Mary said the money will be taken out of the Friends account but she will apply for the Forest County Tourism grant B. Sidewalk Museum – Pictures will be made at a cost of \$22.00 per section with a total of eight sections needed which comes out to \$176.00 (plus taxes). We will use 4x4s to mount them on. Tim Tucker and Jerry Diny will build the frames. Mary hopes to also have “In Memory” plaques for people to purchase them for \$200.00.

**WAMFEST:** Grant being reviewed by the state on April 22.

**Grants:** Mary stated the Remington Foundation grant for \$9000 was received. She also stated that she is writing grants for the Forest County Tourism, Forest County Potawatomi, Green Bay Packers and others. Since we will be needing \$50,000 for the bathhouse and electrical she will be looking into even more grants.

**Rustic Roads:** Lynn LaRock reported that the Wisconsin Department of Transportation has all the required paperwork from the Forest County Highway Commissioner John Rogers and the Town of Wabeno. The state will have their meeting in June to discuss the designation of the roads.

**Lumberjack Hiking Trail:** Mary stated that she asked for an extension for the \$10,000 grant we received from the US Forest Service because we have had difficulty finding someone to do the work. As Lynn had suggested, Mary contacted the scouting group who has taken over Camp LeFeber, which is now called the Baden-Powell Northwoods Experience and asked if they would be interested in a project. They are willing to take on the project and Mary will contact Casey Swanson to see if he will help show the group where the trail is. We will work on the Town of Wabeno and Forest Service land first. The scouts are available the July 4<sup>th</sup> week to start on the trail. We can use the \$10,000 to start on the trail and Mary will look into more grants to apply for. We have an old hiking trail brochure that they used and we will have to write up a new one since many of the areas are overgrown or have changed.

**By-laws:** The correction of the by-laws have been changed on the website and in the minute notes.

**Other Business:** A. Wisconsin Rural Partners Rural Summit will be held at the Potawatomi Casino and Mary Beck and Lynn LaRock will be attending. The cost is \$75.00 each and they will be paying for it individually. It is a summit for revitalization in rural areas. B. Hydroponic – Mary mentioned a group in Milwaukee called Growing Power that grows vegetable and raises fish in the same system where the fish water fertilizing the vegetables. The FCPC is looking into this idea and Mary thought it could be an idea for a new business or food source in our area.

Motion by Kathy McHugh to adjourn at 8:20, second by Ralph, all in favor.

Next meeting May 12.