

Friends of Wabeno

11/17/16

6:06 p.m. Five people in attendance – Mary Beck, Kathy McHugh, Biz McEwen, Lynn LaRock and Darlene Edelbeck.

Minutes: Copy was handed out and a motion by Kathy McHugh to approve them with a second from Biz McEwen, all in favor.

Treasury Report: Darlene Edelbeck reported \$2963.70 in the checking - \$15.00. The Arts Board grant check should be coming for \$4440. The reason for the delay they said was it got lost in the paperwork (this was during the time Josh was leaving). Biz McEwen made a motion to approve the Treasury report as read, second by Kathy McHugh, all in favor.

Boardwalk: Green Bay Packer \$2000 grant was awarded to us. Mary Beck stated that being a recipient of a Green Bay Packer grant will be beneficial when applying for other grants. We are invited to Lambeau field for a luncheon to accept the check. Mary asked Town Chairman Paul Ehlinger and he stated he suggested Tim Tucker to attend with her.

Bathhouse: A sub-committee of the Firefighter's Board consisting of Mary Beck, Barb Tallier, Barb Charlton and Darlene Edelbeck has been organized to discuss ideas concerning this project. We did receive the DNR grant for \$45,000 and it is to be built by June 30, 2017 or at least the invoices must be sent by then. Mike Smith stated that it would take about a month to build. The water and sewer quote was \$35 a foot. Jim Smith thought it would be approximately 200 feet to where we want the building. We as a group thought it would have been more expensive.

Town Planning Commission: The plan would be to organize a commission to be in charge of zoning, land use, public facility improvements etc. The commission would be doing the research and planning out the strategy for buildings, maintenance for example: pavilions, schoolhouse, town hall, etc. In order for the town to move forward in many aspects of the "Comprehensive Plan" we had to get a commission "on the books." Lakewood has a town planning commission and we are hoping to get some insight to what they have done.

The commission will be comprised of seven voting members: two park members, business, lake, school, senior citizen and resident. Then there will be a five member non-voting advisory group. The commission was formed in 2008 but never was active. The commission was formed to write the 2010 Comprehensive Plan.

Fundraisers: Challenge Match by Dual Sport 12,000, Antique Power Association 5,000 and Fire Fighters Grounds 2,000. Green Bay Packers will donate a shirt or football. An idea of a fancy dinner for \$100 a plate Barb Charlton mentioned it could be held out at her farm. An idea of "farm to table" event was also brought up. Barb will give the pumpkins, Mary could grow early vegetables and Joan Schertz has a raised garden for ideas.

WAM FEST: August 5, 2017. There will be a meeting November 18 discussing ideas and the grant.

Country Garden: Kathy McHugh reported that Pat Lowery and his shop class will build and install raised gardens, fencing and benches made out of cedar. The ideas are similar to Crandon what has done. The idea of building this all in back of the library was brought up but without water the idea was not feasible. They did think it was a great place because of the elderly that live in the housing right there. Kathy asked for different ideas for property and someone mentioned the property across the street between the Christian Thrift Store and the Wabeno Post Office. Kathy will call Alan and Pam Schroeder.

Winter Fest: Darlene reported that she can get the food and items all together but cannot work it. Kathy volunteered to gather the helpers and a nice thing is that they are able to get into the area the night before to prepare. The fest will be held between 9:00 – 3:00. We will have sloppy joes, chips and pickle, soda, hot chocolate and water available. Lori Mattern will also be there selling chili and desserts for a fundraiser for her daughter and we will be using the same kitchen.

Kentuck Fest: Melinda Otto (Crandon Chamber) was wondering why we did not partake in this event. We chose not to attend because of lack of volunteers and other problems of our own.

Downtown Decorations: Weather permitting - the planters and bandshell will be decorated November 21. Melody and Brian Klockow have donated a tree(s) for the bandshell, planters will be decorated with birch logs and greens and Darlene donated lights for the trees. Kathy will take lead as usual on this project as she is our decoration coordinator.

Visitor's Guide: The cost of the ad will be \$200. Kathy made a motion to put an advertisement in with a second by Darlene, all in favor. Since the Wabeno Calendar of Events is in limbo, we will put in just our "Friends" events.

Plaque for Tim Tucker: Darlene will order it. When to present it will be determined at a later date. Greg Tallier has agreed to help Tim this year with the boardwalk.

Sidewalk Museum: Mary will talk to Tim about Paul Menne to build a sidewalk museum for the donation from Kay Morrison. Terry Fritsch (Terry's Welding) gave us poles "at cost" for the legs. Glen and Shirley Scheurman gave us steel for the supports.

Rustic Roads: Scooter will contact the new highway commissioner as to when the signs will be erected. Mary will do a press release when the signs go up.

Grocery Store: Lynn LaRock talked with Potawatomi Chairman Gus Frank and he said the Potawatomi are not going to build a grocery store in Carter anymore and was discussed that they always did their trading in Wabeno so that is where it should stay. He stated that he wanted Mary to call him about a store.

Adjourn: Motion by Kathy McHugh to adjourn the meeting at 8:09, second by Lynn LaRock, all in favor.

Next Meeting: In February – to be determined – 2nd or 4th Thursday