

Friends of Wabeno 2/11/2016

Minutes: Minutes were read by Secretary Lynn LaRock with a motion by Biz McEwen, second by Kathy McHugh to approve them. All in favor.

Treasury Report: Treasurer Darlene Edelbeck reported that she did not have a final report from the bank. She did say that there was an expense of approximately \$230 for the Christmas tree decorations and income of approximately \$5800 from WAM fest. No motion was made without the bank report.

Discussion was held on the Christmas tree lights in the planters because they worked ½ the time. We will have to work on a better plan for next year. It seems like the planters were too far back off the street to get the full effect of them. The trees on the bandshell should be decorated for Valentine's Day, St. Patrick's Day and Easter otherwise they should be taken down. Kathy McHugh volunteered to decorate. She will try to use the Easter eggs from the Easter egg hunt and change the bows.

Phase 3 of the Boardwalk: Mary reported that the boardwalk project will now be known as the Wabeno Parks Improvement Project due to Phase 3's work to include the bathhouse. Mary will be meeting with the Wabeno Town Board on Friday, February 12 to discuss the town building the bathhouse and be reimbursed through the DNR Recreation Activities Act up to \$45,000.

The portion of the boardwalk that was in limbo that DNR said is in wetlands, may not have to be pulled up according to Pam LaBine, FC County Land Use Manager.

Tim Tucker reported from the old snowmobile bridge foundation to the area by the truck scale we will be using dock screws on pipes for 340 feet and then come back into the park by the scale for another 300 ft. From that point we will build a gravel trail to the road with 2 smaller boardwalks along the way. The DNR manager Wendy Herriges approved our method in an email. The area along the river is considered wetlands and a floodplain so it will need to be at least 12 inches high. It will be 6 feet wide instead of the previous 4ft with some outcroppings for benches. It will be very natural looking. There will be a hand rail on one side with a curb toward the water. The boardwalk will actually go right out to where both rivers meet.

Benches: Benches for along all the boardwalks will have utility poles for legs and half logs as the seats. Job Corps will be installing them. They also have cement benches and are planning to give them to communities as well. Mary also stated that the Trump Lake Association gave us money to sponsor a bench. Plaques will be applied to the bench for all that sponsor one and we are still looking for more sponsors. Kathy McHugh volunteered to research the cost and sizes of plaques.

Boardwalk Clean Up: Ideas for getting civic groups or families to sponsor a portion of the boardwalk to continuously monitor the cleanliness of the trail. Mary will put an article in the paper for "Friends of Wabeno Boardwalk" volunteers needed. Maggie and Brian Pichotta have already offered to monitor 1 section of the boardwalk. Mary has spoken with Jenifer Vogler, Superintendent to see if the school would want to take a section.

Shoreline flower and plants were discussed to be planted along the boardwalk for visual as well as erosion control. Darlene will talk to Nancy Gardebrecht (who belongs to the Garden Club) for a project for them as long as they are knowledgeable in this matter. There is a large group of gardeners in the Townsend/Lakewood area. Also Melody of the Park Board will be involved, since she is the flower lady.

WAM FEST 2016: Mary submitted the first Phase of a grant for \$6,000 to the WI Arts Board for this festival. It will be one day, with a higher caliber of musicians than last year, two stages, two beer tents, children and adult games with a band in the evening.

WOW 2016: Wabeno Open Water (WOW) Swim Competition– a new idea for Trump Lake. Graham Charlton has been working on this idea as it is a stepping stone to qualify for other competitions. Water samples had to be sent in for the event to be held. The prizes will be awarded at the WAM Fest.

Open House – Connect Communities: Josh has announced that he would like Wabeno to host an open house which is state-wide Open House with approximately 12 Connect Communities. It will have at least 5 vintage buildings to be open to the public. Mary suggested we have a walking tour map printed up with a little write up about each of the buildings. She then showed us a sample that Bruce designed of the Wabeno area. It is self-guided tour with a picture of each building and a write up of the history. Another idea was to have that same picture and history to be blown up and mounted to the building for ease of the tour. Another idea would be a few pictures mounted on a long plaque into the ground. Mary had a picture of another town's history on a sidewalk museum. Pictures of maybe 2-5 buildings could be mounted.

Country Market: Kathy reported that because of space limitations and a problem with a “wind tunnel” downtown that the market will be moved to the baseball field by the Town Hall. She already signed the contract with the high school for permission to use the property. The town hall can be used when there's inclement weather if it is not being rented. Permission from the town board was granted February 9 at the town board meeting. It will be held every other Saturday. Some examples of vendors are: humane society, organic and flea market.

By-laws: Lynn reported that the by-laws needed to be amended as they read elections for Vice President and Treasurer are to be held odd years starting 2016 and President and Secretary elections to be held even years starting 2017. Ralph McHugh made a motion to amend the by-laws to read elections for Vice President and Treasurer are to be held even years starting 2016 and President and Secretary elections to be held odd years starting 2017. Mary Beck second the motion with all in favor.

Elections: Nominations for Treasurer were opened with Mary nominating Darlene. No other nominations were brought forward/floor closed. Mary made a motion to elect Darlene as Treasurer, second by Ralph, all in favor. Nominations were open for Vice President, with Darlene nominating Kathy McHugh. No other nominations were brought forward/floor closed. Darlene made a motion to elect Kathy McHugh as Vice President, second by Mary Beck, all in favor.

Adjourn: Ralph made a motion to adjourn at 8:37, second by Jerry Diny, all in favor.

Next Meeting: March 10, 201