

## **Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, June 15, 2023**

**Members Present:** Brietzman, Carlson, Eggleston, Hietpas, Jakel, Manion, Pautz, and Van Berkel and White

**Not Present:** Sue Gertz and Debra Nowak

**Also Present:** Maureen Feldt

Chair, Pautz called the June Committee Meeting to order at 6:30 PM. A quorum is present.

### **May 18, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes**

Eggleston made a motion to waive the reading of the minutes and approve the May 18, 2023 Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

**Public Appearances:** None

### **May Financial Report**

Discussion regarding the Office Equipment expense for the month. Staff to look into the expense and let the Committee know. Manion made a motion to approve the May Financial Report. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

### **Correspondence**

Memorial received in memory of Earl Verhasselt and we received an Alaskan Fox pelt.

### **Friends of 1000 Islands Report**

The Art Fair went very well, and profits were over \$7,000. Many thanks to everyone who donated items for the raffle, food stand, and bake sale along with the volunteers that helped.

### **Naturalist's Report**

The City's strategic planning process has started, and the strategic planning session for the City's department leaders is on June 27 and 28. Nowak met with the Mayor on June 2<sup>nd</sup> to discuss communication issues regarding the 2023 1000 Islands Capital Improvement Project that was postponed.

Manion made a motion to accept the May Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

### **Admin and Finance Sub-Committee**

Van Berkel: The sub-committee met on June 14<sup>th</sup> and agreed to proceed with creating a Foundation for the endowment money. The City Attorney and Finance Director are aware of 1000 Islands wanting to form a Foundation and provided feedback to Nowak. The sub-committee will meet in July to work out more details for creating the Foundation.

**Education Sub-Committee**

Pautz: Nothing to report.

**Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee**

Van Berkel made a motion to receive and put on file the November 16<sup>th</sup> Building and Grounds Sub-Committee meeting minutes. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Hietpas: The sub-committee met on May 30<sup>th</sup> to discuss re-siding of the building, trail maintenance and logistics of updating the trails to make them more user friendly. Initial thought is to start with boardwalk closest to the Nature Center building and to utilize boards from this section for trails on the Hersch property. Question raised if the American Rescue Plan Act (ARPA) grant has an expiration date. A meeting is set to have the sub-committee walk the trails and note issues that need to be addressed.

**Old Business**

Nothing to report.

**New Business**

Nothing to report.

**Good for the Center**

We currently have 32 goats on-site working on invasive plants.

Pautz noticed outdated information regarding building rentals on our website and asked that it be addressed.

**Next Committee Meeting**

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, July 20, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Nature Center building.

**Adjournment**

There being no further business, Manion moved to adjourn the June 15 Committee Meeting at 7:29 PM. Seconded by Hietpas. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,  
Acting Secretary