

February 2024 Naturalist Report

Admin/Finance

- We have been working through the process of transferring matured CDs with East Wisconsin Savings Bank and Bank of Kaukauna to the endowment fund. We will need to add Will as a signer on those accounts because the only current city employee on those accounts is Sally.
- We have extended an offer to Maddie, who will be our summer intern. She has lots of experience teaching in Girl Scout camps, and is very familiar with 1000 Islands.

Building/Grounds

- Brad and Nathaniel met with John Neumeier to discuss upcoming building and grounds projects.
- Public Works will be doing the labor on the siding project. Replacing the windows was brought up as an option while the siding was off, but we don't have the funds to do so. While the siding is off the workers will at least check and improve any insulation issues in the windows. Brad is currently working on quotes for the siding.
- The boardwalk project will be completed in two phases. The first phase will be the river side of the boardwalk, starting in the fall. The second phase will be the other half, starting once the first phase is complete.
- Public works will also be doing some smaller projects around the site this spring: adding gravel to the school field trip path, repairing split rail, etc.
- We are in the process of hiring an AmeriCorps position from September 2024 – August 2025. This position will mostly be helping Brad with invasive species work and grounds projects. This position is in the 2024 budget – we pay AmeriCorps 2 lump sums near the beginning of the position term.

Education

- We have had several successful programs in an otherwise quiet month: the Moonlight Hike had 101 attendees despite the cold weather, the library's Adventure Challenge culmination event had 42 participants, and our latest 1000 Little Wonders program had 10 children plus their adults.