

Minutes for 1000 Islands Environmental Center Committee Meeting on Thursday, July 20, 2023

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

Not Present: Hietpas

Also Present: Debra Nowak and Maureen Feldt

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

June 15, 2023 Committee Meeting Minutes

Within the Building & Grounds Sub-Committee meeting minutes, Van Berkel noted that there was a question regarding the expiration of a grant. The specific grant should be noted in the meeting minutes as the ARPA Fund Grant. Manion made a motion to amend the June 15, 2023, meeting minutes to include Van Berkel's recommendation to state the specific grant and approve the June 15, 2023, Committee Meeting minutes. Seconded by Gertz. Motion carried.

Public Appearances: None

June Financial Report

White made a motion to approve the June Financial Report. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Correspondence

A thank you note was received from the Verhasselt family (Jennie) for the memorial given. We received work gloves and a goldeneye and harlequin duck mount. Ameriprise Financial – Hinnendael, Greene & Associates volunteered and spread mulch on June 2nd. Donations were received from the River Valley Outdoorsmen and Eagle Graphics. Numerous donations have come in for Jabber's medical bills.

Friends of 1000 Islands Report

Arlene Hardtke, Treasurer for the Friends has resigned from the Board.

Naturalist's Report

The City's Rec Dept is getting new software to handle program registrations/facility rentals and 1000 Islands is looking into utilizing the same software for our program registrations and pavilion rentals. Deb is working with Terri of the Rec Dept to see if this is feasible and if it would benefit the Nature Center.

Van Berkel made a motion to accept the June Naturalist's Report and place it on file. Seconded by Carlson. Motion carried.

Eggleston made a motion to accept the Second Quarter Usage Report and place it on file. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

Admin and Finance Sub-Committee

Gertz made a motion to accept and place on file the Admin/Finance Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of June 14, 2023. Seconded by Manion. Motion carried.

1000 Islands Foundation – Continued discussion of the tasks and funds necessary to create a 1000 Islands Foundation. The Sub-Committee agreed to look into utilizing the Community Foundation instead of creating our own. Van Berkel will meet with the City Attorney to see if we can utilize the Community Foundation to eliminate all of the expenses and work to complete the tasks necessary for creating a Foundation.

Education Sub-Committee

Eggleston made a motion to accept and place on file the Education Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of March 16, 2023. Seconded by Jakel. Motion carried.

Buildings and Grounds Sub-Committee

Gertz made a motion to accept and place on file the Building & Grounds Sub-Committee Meeting Minutes of May 30, 2023. Seconded by Breitzman. Motion carried.

Old Business

Nothing to report.

New Business

Two new trees have been planted in the picnic area this week. A group from Ahlstrom Thilmany Mill planted the trees.

“A Very Jabber Thank You” event is planned for Saturday, August 12th to thank the many donors who generously gave for Jabber’s medical expenses. We hope to offer ice cream and have a photo op with Jabber.

A possible color/fun run is in the beginning planning stage to raise funds for ongoing animal care expenses. Nowak is looking to maintain a small group of live, native animals to have in the Nature Center building for visitors and educational purposes.

Good for the Center

Nothing to report.

Next Committee Meeting

Next Committee Meeting will be on Thursday, August 17, 2023, at 6:30 PM in the Nature Center building.

Adjournment

There being no further business, Gertz moved to adjourn the July 20 Committee Meeting at 7:18 PM. Seconded by Van Berkel. Motion carried.

Maureen Feldt,
Acting Secretary