

Friends of Silverwood Park
P.O. Box 304, Edgerton, WI 53534
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Board of Directors
5:30 p.m., Tuesday, September 15, 2015
North Shed at Silverwood Park

1. Announcements and introductions (10 minutes) – Attending: Rick Reese, Derek Nimmer, Kyle Richmond, Katie Whitten, Emily Halapatz, John Steines, Joe Mingle, Sarah Barlow, Linda Lipinski. No announcements.

Meeting Agenda

2. Approval of Minutes of Previous Meetings: August, 2015 (2 minutes) – Postponed until Oct 2015 meeting

3. Committee/Project reports:

a. Treasurer's Report (Kirsten) (2 minutes):

No monthly report submitted. Plan more detailed submission for October to summarize year.

2015 Income/Expenses to date reported as follows

Income: Donations – targeted - \$2820/Donations misc - \$125/Program fees & Grants - \$779/Membership - \$280

Expenses: Programming \$2330/Painting - \$378/Gardens - \$233 spent + \$253 submitted & not reimbursed**/Administration - \$500

**\$400 receipt for water hoses not yet submitted

Exec Board will discuss how to disperse unpaid receipts in next meeting & recommend to full board in October

b. Outreach/communications (Kyle) (10 minutes)

i. FOSP presentations to local groups?

Desired groups are Edgerton School Board, Albion Town Hall, Stoughton Sustainability Club has FOSP scheduled for October.

ii. Historians' meeting? (incl Trick Family interviews)

Has not happened. Need to continue to attempt to accomplish. Has been on agenda since ~March 2015.

iii. FOSP Volunteer recruitment – Ingrid or Rita?

Ingrid has volunteered and is in Stoughton. Edgerton volunteer would be desirable.

iv. Website maintenance?

A little update recently. In need of agenda and minutes update. Suggest volunteers page and story about why someone volunteers. Emily agrees to write first story (done). Linda and Sarah also volunteer to write short stories about why they volunteer.

c. Programming (Katie) (15 minutes)

i. Long-term Programming

1. School Districts representatives' meeting – Gary Funk?

Two emails to Gary Funk with no response. Need to phone.

2. Orchard update – a) Met with Dan Bussey of Seed Savers who grafts trees for them in Decorrah IA.

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HE always has excess trees and seeks new locations to place trees. He would be happy to supply Silverwood with trees and train volunteers on care. Goal would be Heritage apples & cider production. Dan walked kettles to evaluate and agreed best site is rocky slope. Identified area mapped by Matthew Miller = 1 acre. Katie will communicate acreage to Dan.

b) Edgerton School District (ESD) Orchard – Rick/ESD seeking ‘spindle trellis’ pollarding system with increased massing of trees. Discussion briefly about process of identifying how annual production land transitions to perennial cropping. Also, benefit of having different styles of orchard viewed as beneficial from comparative educational perspective. Project will need grant \$.

3. Park Business plan?

Need to follow up with Mara H of WWBIC. Not done.

ii. Short-term Programming

1. Little Library proposal – Sarah – Proposal submitted with drawings and detailing of type of books. Group very supportive of idea and agree that location on Walnut Point is good. Plan placement in Spring, 2016. Motion to approve with stipulation of specific site visit prior to final placement from Steines.

2nd Algo. All approve.

2. Projects:

a. Pre-Chamber clean up

Scheduled for Sunday at 1 pm. Partners notified.

b. Painting Silverwood buildings

2 of 4 done (Pig Shed & Pump House). Dane County has asked FOSP to also care for Bat House so count is now 5 (Bat House plus two wooden cribs). Windows in Pig Barn being finished. Lots of dedicated volunteer help. Questions about state of buildings – stability. Response is that two building inspectors have visited, given estimates and found buildings stable. Cosmetic problems do not affect stability and can be repaired. Anyone is welcome to call in additional inspection. Pig Shed needs roof in Spring 2016!

d. Master Plan Tracking (John) (5 minutes)

i. Lease/contract with Dane County proposal / next County meeting – update:

Discussions regarding Draft Lease ongoing. Three meetings held to date with good progress in short order after long period of stalemate. FOSP has lawyer willing to

review contract. FOSP still needs financial expectations and clearer detailing of tasks and associated costs before FOSP can sign Lease and create subleases for partners. Lease will require all partners to share costs of farm upkeep.

ii. Next meeting with planners – Master Plan: Preliminary plans distributed with comment that plans are changing to provide increased rectangular field space in flatter fields. Other changes expected. Roll out to public aimed for October/November 2015. Meetings ongoing.

e. Grower Partners/Ag. Committee (John) (20 minutes)

i. Finishing Policy & Procedures Manual – Document distributed. County interested in using document in FOSP Lease as a good start. FOSP interested in getting doc merged with Farley docs. No detailed discussion.

ii. Farley Center procedures _ documents shared. No discussion of detail. Small group volunteers to assist with review and merging of Farley docs with FOSP docs. This group includes Joe Mingle, Kirsten Almo & John Steines. Almo interested in creating and noting criteria clearly. Goal October meeting.

iii. Park Partner App. for 2016 and announcement _ Richmond to draft announcement. Almo, Mingle & Emily Halapatz to help with completion of application.

iv. Fall clean-up – needs to be planned. Lots of weed issues in fields and cover crop. Need a plan to address.

f. Development/Fundraising (30 minutes)

i. 2015-16 proposed fundraising areas & goal:

Document for discussion – Good document presented by Richmond with clear fundraising goals and descriptions. Questions about how to address need for on part time staff and priorities. Difficult to manage situation at present. Good draft for Edgerton Chamber meeting. Richmond will fine tune for meeting.

ii. 2016 calendar of events (fundraising components) – Create engaging calendar for 2016 and look to other parks (eg Garfield Farm Park), which charge for admission for all events. Tours offered for suggested donation. Continue to evaluate models of Garden Festivals and Farm to Farm events, selling plant starts & seeds saved on site.

iii. Edgerton Chamber of Commerce Reception and Tour, September 23 – Goal is to inspire buy in by local business association and make new connections. Clean up for event on Sunday, Sept 20. Kyle & Katie coordinating details with Paula of ECC.

g. Organization (Kyle) (20 minutes)

i. New Board member recruitment? We all need to

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continue to recruit. Need more volunteers at all levels – volunteer to board.

ii. Board of Directors development and orientation with County staff

iii. 501(c)(3) status – Filed with Federal for status. Application fee paid.

iv. Board of Advisors meeting for October?

4. Next Board meeting: Date and Items for Agenda for October meeting (5 minutes) is October 20 @ 5:30 pm, Albion Town Hall, Albion, WI.

5. Adjournment @ 7:20 pm.