

## Friends of Whitefish Dunes Park

Minutes 21 April, 2016

Present: Mary and Dale Goodner, Carl Scholz, John Rock, Brian Penchoff, Chuck Birringer, Rich Dirks, Susan Cubar, John Swanson, Lynn Zawojski, Adele Douglass, Fred Viste (park manager)

Agenda approved: (Dale/Susan) added by Brian, a discussion of the soda machine

Minutes from March approved (Rich/Dale)

The treasurer's report showed a balance of \$22,202. Income during March was \$666.07 and expenses were \$1,759.49. \$12,828.24 is in the reserved account. The report was approved (Dale, Mary)

Park Report by Fred. (1) Attendance was slightly down for March over 2015, but sticker sales are slightly higher. (2) Kristin has returned to work following her shoulder surgery. (3) No dogs will be allowed on the beach during summer (4) The summer naturalist will be Alison Bender who will be at Dunes Park 20 hours per week. She has previously worked at Pot Park, is a student at St. Olaf. (5) Beach access is difficult at the first access point. This area will need work during the volunteer work day. (6) Fred reviewed ongoing or future projects at the park. These including updating the bathrooms, painting and drywall work, repair of the board walk on the brachiopod trail due to damage by high water. (7) New signage using funds donated by the Whitefish Bay Association. (8) Oil has been changed on the UTVs, also new tires have been acquired. (9) There is a need to pull garlic mustard later in the spring or summer. (10) No update as to when the master plan meetings will occur. (11) Fred reviewed projects for the spring work day. These included splitting wood, cleaning the nature center, litter collection, moving signs on the breach, trail work (pruning, cutting branches, especially on the red trail), cleaning sand from steps of Old Baldy. (12) Fred announced there would be an open house the first weekend in June for which no stickers would be required for entrance.

Old Business: Membership news letter was discussed. Susan will prepare this, to be distributed electronically. The plaque in the Shelter Building needs to be redone, also a new place needs to be found to display it. Lynn will explore different printing. Soda machine: It will be removed. Some discussion as to whether we want to replace it. The most popular vender seemed to be Pepsi. Brian will contact the company.

New Business: Fundraising-Finance group met last week. It was decided to approach the Town of Sevastopol to try and secure money for the Naturalist position. Chuck will speak with the town clerk to put this subject on the agenda. Data as to numbers attending naturalist programs will be needed to support the request.

Adjourned at 6pm (Dale/Rich)