

Friends of Lebanon Recreation and Parks Annual Meeting
MINUTES
May 2, 2019
7:00-8:00 PM
City Hall West Meeting Room

Meeting kicked off at 7 pm with Paul, Joanne, Frank, and Kathie, and Tom.
Excused members Kristin, Joanna, and Jane.

March Minutes were accepted.

Treasurer's report:

Total \$67,644.36

2018 IRS 990-EZ completed. Copies given to Paul and Bart.

Availability will be posted on website.

MRG:

Frank circulated and reviewed draft letter to NH regarding extension of MRG to Rusty Berrings SkatePark due to the dangers of using Glen Road to get between those points. Frank plans to send letter to DOT and George Sykes. Considered including wording on the excessive cost of refurbishing the 2 bridges, and the relative low potential of the Glen Road to SkatePark segment for rail use. The challenge is getting Wyoming and Genesee RR to consider our request. Alternative route of following Glend Road due to the narrow bed, high volume of traffic, excessive speed of traffic, limited visibility due to curves, and poor pavement condition. Pavement condition is even worse now after flooding 1st night although the bed is wider in parts due to hillside slides. Local road funds were considered but experience has been that State funds are minimal.

Access / egress was discussed also including the bridge access from Lebanon Ford.

Signage was discussed and a draft letter to Patti was drafted to request her NRT sign for our courtesies requests. Paul discussed the Recreation Departments work on POI and mileage sign wording and placement. Grant proposals have been written.

Challenges of how to manage and communicate different user communities, e.g. walkers, cyclists, walkers, and different physical abilities. Lines were raised again as a way to help manage and reduce conflicts between the different user communities. Paul said that he will check with Colin about Bike Ped position on these.

Bart proposed developing or expanding the use of our current database of users to post opportunities to physically and/or financially assist with the many projects that we have in the queue. The possibility of developpong a Friends sustaining membership was discussed that may include a yearly fee or contribution. Bart will check by-laws for any changes that may be need to enable this. He will also draft a

letter that would be sent to the friends/volunteers/users in the Recreation Department mailing lists and database proposing this. Frank raised the upcoming September 28th LebFest sponsored by the Chamber of Commerce as a venue for promoting the Friends.

Frank also discussed the possibility of resurrecting the Greenway Coalition for the multitude of outstanding MRG expansion opportunities.

Paul shared the developments regarding new Rec Dept office space. Near term a lease was signed with RVCC building and longer term a facility that will enable year round indoor use, more fields, and office space. A Master Plan with Needs Assessment. User fees were discussed as a way to cover costs.

Bart updated all on two developments with the Pollinator Garden. Additional, or alternative garden location being considered due to poor drainage at sculpture riverfront area, Apple Corps looking for areas to plant fruit trees, and DPW to test for leaks along sewer line right of way paralleling Greenway. Next meeting scheduled for Thursday June 6 @ 5:30.

Meeting adjourned at 8:10.