

Friends of Silverwood Park

P.O. Box 304, Edgerton, WI 53534

Board of Directors Meeting

Tuesday, Sept. 9, 2014 5:30 p.m., Albion Town Hall, Albion Wi.

Agenda !

1. Announcements and introductions (5 minutes)

a. Linda, new member, attending. Has moved to Edgerton/Lake Koshkonong area from Chicago where she gardened. Has completed Master Gardener Program and volunteered at

Garfield Park Conservatory. Welcome Linda! Great to have you.

b. Poison Ivy in woods is extensive may need to be addressed at some time. Trails in fair

condition for walking but stubby stems from cut branches not good for biking. !

2. Approval of Minutes of previous meeting: Aug. 12, 2014 (5 minutes): Motion - John Steines, 2nd, Donna Skau. Approved.

a. *Need minute taker for this meeting: John Steines (FOSP alerted that minutes would need to wait until return - approx 1 week out)

b. (added) Corey Liveri's resignation from board for work related issues accepted.

c. Announce Secretary Position opening to be filed ASAP: Remains open for time being.

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3. Committee reports: (70 minutes) !

A. Organizational Committee (20 min.)

A. Treasurer Report (Donna):

Financial Report(FR) hand written text distributed:

Deposits 9-8-2014 from membership (5 individual, 3 family) = \$245.

Donations

FOSP table= \$137.00

Produce baskets = \$70.00

Water & cookie table donations = \$29.11

Collection jugs = \$3.62

Trish Kallahan = \$20.00

Water & cookies sale = \$53.50

Sale of metal scrap = \$20.00

Silent Auction (cash - \$85, Checks \$213) Total = \$298.00

Slow Food Donation = \$95.52

Aug 23, 2014 total = 959.85

Dave Kotwitz (Piggly Wiggly) donated cookies (\$30.00) & water (\$50.00)

Expenses:

Katie reimbursed for submitted expense receipt of \$11.90

Betty Townsend (memory card, usb) = \$17.91

Katie Whitten (baskets, envelopes) = \$22.89

Outstanding (not yet submitted)

Kyle Richmond x amount.

John Steines x amount.

Balance for Aug 23rd, 2014 = \$919.05

Bank account = 1507.95 as of 9-9-2014

Motion to approve FR - John Steines, 2nd - Kirsten Almo. Financial Report accepted.

Bill due in Nov, 2014 is renewal of PO Box of \$60.

Coachman's kickoff event fall (2013) cost \$425 - Donna Skau covered. full reimbursement approved unanimously.

b. Update on 501(c) (3) (Katie) No status change. # in place. Donations are fully tax deductible. Process still being completed. Need to wrap up & remove from agenda! Secretarial fees will be due, but lawyer work pro bono.

c. Advisory Board development updates (Katie): Katie reports all have responded affirmatively. Kyle is contacting follow up. Stay with November meet and greet plan.

d. Organization and Development meeting w/Mindy: give suggestions to work on (Sept 12, 2014): Board members need to be 'members in good standing' regarding dues,

now that we have membership & dues. Membership calls into question when we might also want to schedule an annual membership meeting.

e. Working Retreat: create guidelines and lease agreements for planting partners, Date, place, time discussion: Hold onto November goal/target. Need to schedule when calendars avail in conjunction with staff (Mindy/Rhea).

f. Review freezer/FOSP belongings letter (possible action): Items missing.

General 'common' fridge/freezer/office space issues need addressing for mutual consideration & respect. Memo approved as written by Katie (copy not available at this

time). Motion to approve: Kirsten Almo, 2nd Donna Skau. !

B. Fundraising Committee (Katie, John, Kirsten) (30 min.)

a. Past: Aug. 23 Park Event follow-up Discussion;

Art, Worm-Farm, Slow-Food, Ag, Loon, Welcome Table, Cookie/Water Table,

Veggie Table, Action Table, Music, Cider by Ed: !

Lots of new faces. Thank you's sent to all but Wormfarm Institute & Artists.

Artist's project is ongoing so seems not necessary at this time. Event well received buy booth art focused and ag focused attendees, both who seem interested and impressed with other. Good discussions. Loon's magic well timed for only rainstorm.

Considerations:

-Approach to shed floor - needs gravel added to slope.

-Anti-slip strips need at door entrances.

-Sanitation & Free Water need better signage, and placement (separation of items/ cross contamination risk - Rhea)

-Welcome table better marked & unevenly attended due to multiple layering of volunteer roles.

- PVC or wood portable signposts would be handy for some signage (tours - in motion).
- Check lighting - some areas of north shed poorly lit, specifically veg table was dark and unnoticeable.
- Suggested donation tags on each veggie basket
- For Sale signs at appropriate tables explaining what was /wasn't available

(Silent Auction) !!

b. Next: Fall Evening Event Discussion (possible action): Can artists plan a fireside event (campfire or bonfire) since branch pile needs to be burned to give evening for

viewing solar led crib art? Campfire allows byo hotdogs, smors & similar. Low imp[act interest, not full fledged large event scale (prepared food, music, big fundraising).

C. Outreach Committee (Kirsten 10 min.)

a. Newsletter - will be coming out bi-monthly at this point.

b. Website - Has a few issues needing to be addressed and lacking skills to do so.

c. Tours - Possible monthly off season events cooly received. Discussion of access issues to park. Will drive be plowed? Will explore options & permit issues with county (Rhea). Skiing and sledding an option for winter on trails & slopes? Dusk to dawn lights exist on north shed.

d. Oak Lawn Academy (added): IS this an outreach opportunity? Kids are there for 1 year in English immersion program from Mexico or South America. Private Catholic Institution well controlled and taxied about (bus/coach) to Chicago, Milwaukee, other but

not much Edgerton contact. !

D. Master Plan Tracking (Katie 10 min.)

a. Kyle meeting with Laura G. for lunch: Good meeting. Productive. Friends of Silverwood Park (FOSP) asked to take lead on all scheduling of activities. County staff do

not want to be contacted by partners regarding events. FOSP asked to send memo to that

effect to all partners that they are to go through the Friends (FOSP) and not be communicating directly with County staff. County wishes that FOSP be that liaison! County staff do not have the staff time to handle that level of working detail. County has a

lot on their plate and needs to take more off (as regards Silverwood). FOSP asked to take

more initiative and function as full umbrella group for Silverwood happenings. Recently, school staff called County to schedule an event. This is not desired approach from county

perspective. Btw, ESD Pumpkin Patch Event scheduled for Oct 9th in this manner without

FOSP knowledge.

b. White House (added): OFS not willing to support use of White House for

meeting space. Kyle Richmond & Katie Vance-Whitten plan to meet with ESD staff to see where district is on use. Suggested to meet with Director of Finance included at table for feasibility discussion of any planning components as school budgets are tight. Darren willing to write up a lease on white house then seemed to pull back from that, so issue remains unclear & unsettled in FOSP perspective. White House removed from mapping & replaced with parking lot.

c. Learning Center(added): Small dimension in planning size & separated from greenhouse !

4. Other reports: (40 minutes) !

A. County/Partner meeting (Aug 14, 2014) about Silverwood (Katie): Attended by ESD Administrative staff, Rick Reese & Corey Liveri, Claire Straitor, OFS - Greg Markel & Michael, Rhea, Katie & Kyle.

a. Update with Maps, Group recommendations/discussion (possible action): Propose special meetings to evaluate response to proposal on table.

Problems include

1. Lack of barn site which county says they can add north of small twin kettles
2. Large equestrian placement and focus which came up in no public meetings
3. Placement of greenhouse on existing crib #2 structure, with art cribs separating space

with friends and a long way from designated learning center. Crib #2 is currently functioning as a nice meeting and lunch space for day field workers (covered yet well ventilated).

4. Several photos document the artistic lines created by the juxtaposition of buildings looking across crib #2 to crib #1 structure. Losing this layout and these components will be

a loss for the farmstead and a disappointment to park attendees who see the photo documentation and then comment on what was lost if these building structures are destroyed.

5. Lack of detailing on transition to contour farming practices

6. Placement of orchard on flat expanse vs desired south facing hillside (Orchard Grant process will include assistance with siting). Several slopes identified as desirable - a. Recessional moraine ridge slope, b. Hillside west of borrow pit, c. Kettle slopes, especially north of learning center grounds (kettle location).

7. Camping logo north of silo pair - Heritage site. Seems misleading if public camping is not permitted. Good location for outpost outdoor skills programming classroom (campground) site. Is placed near existing stone wall farm structure that may have been the

lime processing site for stone work on circa 1845-50 existing stone farmhouse/ homestead.

Historical nature of site may speak to a different plan over time. FOSP Principles (Friends

of Silverwood Park: Initial Master Plan Recommendations, April 2014) call for preserving

what exists to the extent possible (paraphrasing) and re-using judiciously: “You don’t find farm buildings of these types anymore. Everything now is fabricated metal. These wood structures and artifact are much more interesting to a public and have an educational and artistic (craftmanship, beauty) component that can not be replaced.”

8. White caretaker’s house: County seems set on placement of parking lot at this location.

9. Donna Skau: Irene’s wishes were that much of the look for the homestead be left intact

with existing building make up, more like a living museum to farming, mixed with active and progressive land management in place using the land to teach skills and produce food.

Looking for original documents to demonstrate intent. The people she negotiated with at the county are probably now all gone so that isn’t remembered. It makes me feel so sad.

5. Closing - Motion John Steines, 2nd, Donna Skau. Meeting adjourned 7:30 pm

Next FOSP Board meeting date and agenda points: 5:30 pm October 14, 2014, Town Of Albion Hall.