

FRIENDS OF SCENTRAIL BARK COMMUNITY PARK

Meeting Minutes – Oct. 25, 2021

ATTENDEES: Amy Palik, Jen Gray, Tammy Siltanen, Laurie Monroe, Jamie Rokus, Ann Quaschnick, Deanna Willems, Donna Smrz, Jen Oswald, Mary Olson, Linda Sanger (via telephone), and Drew and Kate Frisk (via Zoom)

Amy Palik called the meeting to order at 7:19 p.m. at Port Edwards United Methodist Church.

Introductions were conducted, and the minutes from the last meeting were reviewed and approved.

Tammy Siltanen gave the treasurer's report. There is currently \$12,876.93 in the checking account and we had also received checks this week from Incourage for \$250 matching grant, \$268 from our Rafters baseball night fundraiser and \$65 from Mission Coffee-Rapids fundraiser.

Membership dues were discussed, and most current members need to pay their membership fees at this time. Jamie Rokus and Amy discussed the importance of paying membership fees ahead of the November meeting because there will be several items that need to be voted on during that meeting.

OLD BUSINESS:

Jamie reported that Ray "Boz" Bossert, the village of Port Edwards administrator, wants to get the agreement between the village and our organization approved soon so that it is ready to go when we hit our fundraising goal and can break ground. Jamie and Amy will work with Boz and our lawyer to get that approved.

Jamie gave a fundraising update. She met with Dawn at BowWow Meow to discuss fundraising opportunities and reported that Dawn is very eager to work with us on any events/opportunities that we can coordinate together. Dawn had also asked if we could create a fundraising progress thermometer and bring in a donation collection container to display at the store. Jamie has created those and will drop it off later that week. She also will reach out to additional businesses to see if they are interested in displaying the items. Jen Gray will check with the Feed Store and All Care Animal Hospital to see if they are interested.

Jen Gray mentioned that she is creating decals with our logo as well as pens with our design and is planning to sell those with proceeds benefiting the dog park.

Jen Oswald discussed a holiday fundraiser she is planning to hold to benefit the dog park. Mission Coffee-Rapids is planning to sell gift bags that include coffee, a mug, a human cookie, a dog cookie and tennis ball with their logo.

Amy will create a letter to send to local municipalities requesting their financial support for the creation of our park. Municipalities will include Nekoosa, Grand Rapids, Biron, Rudolph, Vesper and possibly others.

Jamie will schedule a Fundraising Committee meeting in November to discuss possible holiday fundraising opportunities for the dog park.

NEW BUSINESS:

Drew Frisk, who is the current president of the organization, and Kate Frisk, who is currently secretary, spoke to those in attendance via Zoom. Drew said due to an unexpected move out of the area earlier this year to Minocqua and after discussions with board members, he and Kate are stepping down from their positions.

Amy volunteered to step in as interim president until elections in January 2022, and Jamie will serve as interim secretary. The January 2022 elections for all board positions was briefly discussed, and Amy told members that nominations can be submitted to Jamie (as interim secretary) until the January 2022 meeting. To be eligible for a position on the board, a person only needs to be a paid member.

Amy and Jamie also explained to the group that the board currently has seven elected members, and said it is worth discussion as to whether an organization of our size needs that many positions. That will be further discussed and voted on during the November meeting.

Jamie publicly thanked Drew and Kate for their efforts to get our organization up and running, to secure our nonprofit status and helping us to secure a location for our park. There are several items that still need to be discussed with their departure, such as transferring the PO Box and banking information.

The next meeting will be at 7 p.m. Nov. 29 at Port Edwards United Methodist Church.

The meeting was adjourned at 7:50 p.m.

Respectfully submitted by,

Jamie Rokus, interim secretary