

Asylum Lake Policy & Management Council

Thursday, 11 March 2010

7 pm

Parkview Hills Clubhouse

3707 Greenleaf Circle

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AGENDA:

I. Call to Order

Meeting was called to order at 7:00 p.m.

II. Roll Call

a. Sign-In Roster

Council Members Present: Tim Holysz, Paul MacNellis, Bill Steinmann, Jay Emerson, Steve Kohler, Bob Jorth, Duane Hampton, Tom Edmonds, Kay Chase, Cam Vossen, Frank Wolf

Guests Present: Cari DeLong (Council Coordinator)

III. Adoption of 11 March 2010 Agenda

Tom Edmonds moved to approve the 11 March 2010 meeting agenda. Duane Hampton seconded.

IV. Approval of 11 February 2010 Meeting Minutes

Kay Chase would like to change her statement under the "Trails Subcommittee" heading from stating that she did not agree, to asking why the trail was going to be moved in the old field. Tom Edmonds moved to approve the 11 February 2010 meeting minutes as amended. Bob Jorth seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

V. Old Business

a. Animal Control

Tom Edmonds

- Tom Edmonds reported that he had spoken to Steve Lawrence at the Kalamazoo County Animal Control office. He expressed a willingness to patrol at Asylum Lake under the same terms as they had been a year ago. Paul told Tom to go ahead with making arrangements. Tom will contact Steve and have him start. Bills will be sent to Cari.
- Paul reported that the signage for Winchell entrance was taken down for the construction but will be put back up in order for us to legally enforce anything.

VI. New Business

a. Projects – Accounting Update

Cari DeLong

Motion: Bob Jorth moved to use money from the Winchell entrance construction project to cover the extra costs for the Parkview entrance design. Tim Holysz seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

- Cari handed out a summary of the projects that the Council has requested money to complete. Several have been completed and closed. The Winchell entrance design, spillway design, and ecological inventory projects have all been closed. The trail system design, water quality study and Winchell entrance construction projects are still open and

have positive balances. The Parkview entrance design and maintenance projects are open and have negative balances.

- Cari asked permission from the Council to transfer money from the Winchell construction project to cover the negative balance of the Parkview entrance design project.
- Bob Jorth moved to use money from the Winchell entrance construction project to cover the extra costs for the Parkview entrance design. Tim Holysz seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

b. Maintenance Fund

Tim Holysz

Motion: Tom Edmonds moved that \$24,000 be requested from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to be placed in WMU's maintenance fund. Duane seconded. All in favor. None opposed

- Tim Holysz reported that two years had passed since \$24,000 was requested for maintenance. Some of the bigger expenses included removing a few large oak trees that had fallen across the paths.
- Tim asked for another \$24,000 to be put into the maintenance fund.
- Kay asked if Tim would be putting together an itemized list of the maintenance activities. Tim stated he would be making that soon and getting it to the Council.
- Tom Edmonds moved that \$24,000 be requested from the Kalamazoo Community Foundation to be placed in WMU's maintenance fund. Duane seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

VII. Project/Special Committee Reports

a. Research/Education Committee

Cari DeLong

Cari reported on applications that had been approved by the Research & Education Committee since the last Council meeting.

- WMU's ROTC was approved to complete a 2 day training exercise at Asylum Lake Preserve on April 9, 2010 at 6pm overnight through April 10, 2010 at 5pm. The cadets will be spending the night in the forest in sleeping bags and performing training exercises during the day. Signs will be posted at all entrances. They were required to bring a porta-john and sleep within a 50 meter radius of the asphalt pad at the end of the drive, off of Parkview Avenue.
- Dr Koretsky, WMU Geosciences, was approved to complete a study measuring the effects of road salt on the water quality at Asylum Lake. She and her students will be taking samples of the water columns throughout the lake from May to June of this summer.

b. Operations Committee

No report

c. PR Subcommittee

Signage

Cari DeLong

Motion: Tom Edmonds moved to approve the purchase and installation of three message centers for the entrances at Asylum Lake Preserve for a total not to exceed \$1800. Bob Jorth seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

- Cari reported that the signage committee met last week and would like to recommend the purchase of three message centers for the Drake Road southern entrance, Parkview entrance and Winchell entrance. A map of the trails can be placed in these message centers as well as any announcements for the property. These will serve as a way to display information that changes periodically. Pictures of the message centers were passed around. They would be the same as what was installed at Kleinstuck by WMU this summer.
- Paul stated that he is very happy with the quality of the message center at Kleinstuck. It is made out of recycled plastic material.
- Tim stated that WMU Landscape Services would install the message centers for around \$150.
- Cari requested \$1800 to cover the cost of three message centers at \$500 a piece, installation costs and shipping costs. Cari asked that the money be covered by the extra funds in the Winchell entrance construction project. That fund included provisions for signage.
- Tom Edmonds moved to approve the purchase and installation of three message centers at a total not to exceed \$1800. Bob Jorth seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

d. Trails Subcommittee

- Paul reported that he submitted the request for trail design and platforms to Larry Harris and have not received those estimates as of yet.

e. Construction Subcommittee

Paul MacNellis

- Tim reported that we had a pre-bid with 15 contractors for the Parkview entrance. Bid opening is on Wednesday the 17th. We will not be deciding at that time.

VIII. Public Comments

None.

IX. Council/Staff Comments

- Paul announced that we had a management plan committee meeting to look at what type of projects we would like the Y.O.U. students to complete. We identified areas from the Native Connections inventory for invasive species control using the grid system developed by Cari for research.
- Kay added that the committee also discussed having an educational and positive component to the Y.O.U experience. It is important to have them do something positive that they can take pride in.
- Duane asked if we can have them disassemble the north trail as was discussed in previous meetings.
- Paul stated that yes. The Y.O.U crew at Kleinstuck last year did erosion control projects

X. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 7:44p.m.