

Asylum Lake Policy & Management Council

Thursday, 09 September 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: Paul MacNellis, Steve Kohler, Tim Holysz, Jay Emerson, Mark Hoffman, Frank Wolf, Bob Jorth, Duane Hampton, Kay Chase, Helen Davis

Guests Present: Cari DeLong (Council Coordinator), Phil Micklin

III. Adoption of 09 September 2010 Agenda

Bob Jorth motioned to approve the 09 September 2010 agenda. Tom Edmonds seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

IV. Approval of 08 July 2010 Meeting Minutes

Frank Wolf motioned to approve the 08 July 2010 meeting minutes. Tom Edmonds seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

V. Approval of 12 August 2010 Meeting Minutes

There were a few suggested changes. Mark Hoffman motioned to approve the 12 August 2010 meeting minutes as amended. Tim Holysz seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

VI. Old Business

a. Bathroom Facilities

Duane Hampton and Tim Holysz

- In the last meeting this topic was discussed. Tim talked with WMU Vice Presidents Lowell Rinker and Jan Van DerKley. Both were nervous because of maintenance and liability issues.
- Tim presented a vault toilet design that the DNR uses. It is \$1900 to install. Under \$5000 to install for ADA accessibility. We would have to contract a company to wash and disinfect every two to three days. Clean Earth would come in every month and clean out septic system for about \$500 each time.
- Tim will give Cari the DNR specs to keep on file.
- It was decided the Trails Committee will take on this project since it is an accessibility issue.

b. Drake Road Construction Project

Paul MacNellis

Motion: Tom Edmonds moved to approve the construction of the Drake Road parking lot. Bob Jorth seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

- Paul passed out construction drawings from Larry Harris & Assoc. for the Drake Road entrance. This project will use the same materials as used at the Parkview entrance. The plan calls for a paved lot that has 23 spots plus one handicap parking space. It includes a potential expansion plan and a rain garden. The same entrance drive will be used. This entrance can still be constructed this fall. The rain garden will be planted in the spring.
- Cost is \$65,000 plus \$5,000 for the cost of the rain garden. Installation and purchasing of the rain garden materials will be done by WMU Landscape Services.
- Tom moved this topic for discussion. Bob seconded.
- Motion is to approve the construction of the Drake Road parking lot. All in favor. None opposed.

c. Consulting Company; Management Plans

Tyler Bassett

- Tyler reported that the Management Committee met and discussed an approach for managing the natural resources on the property. The main issue negatively effecting the ecology is invasive species. The committee decided to focus on improving the forest on south and the forest section on the north side of Asylum Lake.
- Tyler will write a request for proposal (RFP) asking different consulting companies for a plan to control select invasive species, goals for the habitat and then how would they take actions to achieve that goal.
- Helen suggested that the RFP be emailed to the Council for comments.

VII. New Business

a. Election for Chair and Vice Chair

Paul MacNellis

Tom moved that the Council nominate the current chair (Paul MacNellis) and vice chair (Mark Hoffman) for re-election. Duane seconded. All in favor. None opposed.

b. Dogs on Leashes

Mark Hoffman

- Tom reported that there is a big problem with owners not keeping their dogs on leashes when they visit the property. There have been many complaints. Those people without leashes have been extremely resistant. We have choices. We could ban dogs from the Preserve or address the problem with some form of enforcement.
- There was general agreement from the Council that this issue has become a problem at the Preserve and needs to be addressed.
- Tim reported that WMU has not received a bill for patrol at the Preserve. Animal control is not frequenting the property at this time.
- There was general agreement that the Council should proceed with regular, maintained enforcement and education before considering banning dogs from the property.
- Mark suggested clearer, more permanent signage.
- Tom suggested having animal control officers at the entrances for education purposes.
- Tom will talk to Steve Lawrence at Animal Control about education and enforcement and report at our next meeting.
- Cari will work with the WMU sign shop and PR committee to develop some signage. She will bring the designs to our next Council meeting.

VIII. Project/Special Committee Reports

a. Research/Education Committee

Cari DeLong

Cari reported that there were no new applications submitted since our last Council meeting.

b. PR Subcommittee

Cari DeLong

No report.

c. Trails Subcommittee

Tom Edmonds

No report.

d. Construction Subcommittee

Paul MacNellis

See report on Drake Road above.

IX. Public Comments

None.

X. Council/Staff Comments

None.

XI. Adjournment

Meeting was adjourned at 8:10pm.