

**Friends of Lapham Peak**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
May 1, 2019



**Board Members** (*those present are noted with an "\*"*)

\*Louise Borzynski, \*John Hillmer, \*Rita Keber, \*Anne Korman (DNR), \*Kris Maki, \*John McCarthy, \*Jackie Nicholson, \*Anne Riendl, \*Karl Timm, \*Rick Von Haden, \*Dan Wiley, \*Randy Wichinski (all members were in attendance!)

**Next meeting:** June 5 (Wednesday), Hausman Nature Center, 6pm

**Meeting was called to order:** 6:10 pm

**March Minutes:** Approved as previously presented using email with corrections made prior to the meeting.

**Treasurers Report:** Karl noted that in addition to the April's Treasurer Report being attached<sup>1</sup>, he also provided updated copies of the Jan<sup>2</sup>, Feb<sup>3</sup>, and March<sup>4</sup> reports. Financially, things were generally quiet except for Snow Making which spent about \$23,000 on the Phase 3C extension. He also reported that last month he had moved all the Fright Hike profits to Snow Making – but \$1000 was to go to Habitat Restoration which he has now reconciled this month. Bills and income/donations/reimbursements were presented to Karl for processing (this included 2 new memberships, SnowMaking money per Kris (see attached<sup>5</sup>), and \$1000 from the Quiet Trails Fund (DeBoer Grant).

**Old Business**

**Snowmaking:** John M noted that no new expenses had been approved this past month. All the pipe is now in the ground and fused as of May 1<sup>st</sup>. Electric will be completed later this week. Flushing the pipe will also happen, and then trail restoration work will begin. Restoration work will be significant due to the wet conditions that happened while the trenching work was done. (Lots of mud!). A massive (estimated: 3.5 x 7 x 5 foot) boulder was un-earthed – this will certainly become a feature/landmark alongside the trail, one that people will probably want to climb on for their pictures!

We are still waiting for the State's budgeting process to complete to see if any operational funds will come to the Park to help run the SnowMaking system.

**Habitat Restoration:** John H reported that the crew rented a brush-hog for a day to clear-cut massive amounts of small buckthorn trees at the Nemahbin Springs location. More recently, their focus has been on the front of the Park to clear buckthorn, honeysuckle and dead-fall between Hwy C and the Main-Entrance road. The areas on both sides of the Entrance-Road near the Maintenance Area has also been cleaned on dead-fall and buckthorn. Garlic Mustard work will begin in April, as will work at the corner of the Main-Entrance Road and the Road to Evergreen. About 20 Waukesha North High School Students are planning to come and work with us in May, and 75 more from a leadership seminar at Carroll University are planning to come in June (both groups will work on garlic mustard).

**Grants:**

**RTP** – John M is working on the reports that will provide \$8900 from the Grant to the Friends for the work we did.

**Knowles-Nelson Stewardship Grant** – John H is working with Bob Misslich and Jay A on getting personnel from the State to visit the Park to begin plans for burns.

**DeBoer** – DNR Natural Resources Foundation provided us with \$1000 from their Quiet Trails Fund.

**Enhancement Grants for next Year** – Due May 13<sup>th</sup>.

Waukesha State Bank Anniversary Grant – Anne R investigated, and we will not pursue this due to the nature of what we believe they are looking to fund (not a good match for us at this time).

**Flowers** will again be purchased with Grant and Friends matching funds for up front by the office.

**Memorial Benches:** Six new benches were made (they took about 5 man-hours per bench). One bench was also repaired by the Butterfly Garden; John H will be surveying the rest of the Benches to see if any others need work. Another Bench was donated this past month.

**Butterfly Garden:** Gate was repaired, as was the mud-hole in front of the gate (filled with mulch for now).

**Summer Solstice:** Set for June 22<sup>nd</sup>; the Band (Tom K/Bike Doctor) is lined up. Delafield Brewhaus will also sponsor again. The Flier is done. Dan will help lineup the needed insurance. Rita will check into the alcohol server certificates to see if those from last year are still valid for this year (for Paul K and John M).

**Work Day:** Saturday May 11<sup>th</sup> is our Earth Day Work/Play Day at Lapham Peak. This will be from 9am-noon with lunch at noon in the maintenance garage. We are planning on about 40 volunteers (including 14 from St. John's Northwestern). The work will focus on the Butterfly Garden, inserting some memorial bricks, and then trail restoration from the recent SM Phases 3B & 3C. A few people might work on Buckthorn up front in the Park, depending on their skills and interest in the work events that day (John H will lead these people).

**Colorama:** Kris is working on options for a Timer. Randy and Kris will work on sponsors for the event. Ideally, we would like to coordinate our multiple efforts of asking businesses for sponsorships, so that we know if we've asked one organization for help for FrightHike, Colorama, SnowMaking, etc.

### **New Business**

**Dog Dropping Discussion:** It was pointed out this past month via a chain of emails that we have different opinions on the Board about the options when it comes to dealing with people and their dogs and dog-droppings in the Park. Anne K clarified that all dogs must be on a leash – and that we are to try and get any details possible to the Rangers for the Wardens who will clamp down on offenders (tickets!). As for droppings, it's best for people to bag them and take their bags with them! There are some trash-cans for this within the park. But, if a dog on a leash goes off the trail and does it in the woods, this is no worse than deer doing it there, so it's ok. Likewise, if the owner tosses it into the woods it's ok, but we don't want them tossing their blue or pink or other-colored bags in the woods!!

**Sponsorship – Prowl the Peak:** We agreed that we (Friends of Lapham Peak) will donate \$100 again this year.

**Nature Center, and Front Office:** New Lapham Peak mugs are now on display in the Front Office; a cabinet is also there now with various nature and park-related books for sale to benefit the Friends.

Some of the taxidermied animals have now been repaired and cleaned and returned to the Nature Center (these were damaged by moths). We are looking to have 4 Sundays to open the Nature Center to the public (2 Sundays in Sept, and 2 in Oct).

**Membership:** A discussion on life-time memberships took place. The question around a “super life-time membership” (or a “sustaining life-time membership”, or some other terminology) was asked, so that we could solicit donations from the life-time members over and above their life-time membership donations. Today, we have 129 life-time members, and 49 annual members. Randy and Rita said they’d investigate what others do, and how they do it.

**GuideStar:** [www.guidestar.org](http://www.guidestar.org) now has our mission statement on it, though no one on the board knows how it got there.

**Meeting Adjourned:** It was agreed that we would adjourn at 8:25 pm. Our next meeting will be June 5th (Wednesday) at 6pm, Hausman Nature Center.

Respectfully submitted,

John Hillmer, Secretary

Attachments (PDFs are attached for Board Members, but are not available in the online version)

1) Treasurer’s (April)



April2019.pdf

2) Treasurer’s (Updated March)



UpdatedMar.pdf

3) Treasurer’s (Updated Feb)



UpdatedFeb.pdf

4) Treasurer’s (Updated Jan)



UpdatedJan.pdf

5) SnowMaking Income



SMincome.pdf