

**Friends of Lapham Peak**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
June 5, 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

**No Meeting in July; Next meeting:** Aug 7 (Wednesday), Hausman Nature Center, 6pm

**Meeting was called to order:** 6:06 pm

**May Minutes:** Approved as previously presented via email with corrections made prior to the meeting. April and May minutes have also now been posted on [our web site](#).

**Treasurers Report:** Karl provided the attached<sup>1</sup> report for May. Some items of note include:

- transferred \$7,272 from the 2019 Ski Series to Snowmaking
- received \$6,000 in benches
- Fright Hike received \$132 from online payments
- received a merchandise payment of \$833 from the state and spent \$755 on new inventory
- Snowmaking spent about \$10,000 this month on the trail expansion (\$23,000 last month)
- Additionally, Anne R provided Karl with additional information to include / update his report, regarding May Snowmaking Donations / Receipts.

Other points regarding the finances included:

- it was clarified that the Memorial Bench Fund should be funding the purchase of the memorial plaques for the benches. That will be verified and corrected as needed.
- we discussed the process for handling payments and reimbursements when the State is the one funding the work for the various Grants. The Enhancement Grant has a process spelled out specific to that grant.
- bills, donations, receipts, reimbursement requests were provided to Karl for processing.
- a refund from the insurance company is anticipated for the Bike Swap Event that we did not hold this year.
- Kris provided income for Colorama from the initial sponsors.
- Louise reported that the Delafield Fund has provided us with a Grant of \$975 to cover the Friends' portion of the Enhancement Grant for the Stretcher and Board Equipment!
- Mugs are selling well in the Office; some Beer Steins have been added to the options that we offer.
- A number of Plants have been purchased that will go up front by the office and/or in the Bee Garden – this is part of the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks grant that we helped co-fund for flowers.

**Old Business**

**Workday:** We had about 50 people working / volunteering with us on May 11<sup>th</sup>. This included about a dozen from St John's. We had a wonderful lunch provided by members of the Friends (so there will be no expenses to the organization as that was all donated). In addition to the work on the Butterfly Garden, and Trails (restoration work from the Phase 3 efforts), we also had a few people working up front by the office on Buckthorn, and Mike Fort and

Karl led a group that counted birds. The Cadets will be coming again on Nov 16, 2019 and May 2, 2020 – so those will be workdays as well.

**Snowmaking:** John M provided the attached SnowMaking Report<sup>2</sup>, which is also provided below:

**Snowmaking Expenses:** See attached summary of costs for Phase 3C snowmaking construction<sup>3</sup>. Expenses associated with trail restoration are being tallied under the 2018 DNR Enhancement Grant.

**Snowmaking Phases 3B and 3C Expansions:** Phase 3C, which was comprised of about 1100 feet of pipe and wire; and three more hydrants and power pedestals, was completed during the first week of May by volunteers, with support from vendors Core and Main and Elect-Tech. The volunteers worked through challenging weather to complete the pipe assembly & installation and cable installation, in 7 workdays.

Phase 3 of the Snowmaking project is complete. There are now 2.36 kilometers (1.46 miles) of snowmaking trails, plus the instruction area. There are 7,230 feet of 4-inch to 8-inch HDPE pipe and 33 hydrants for water supply; and 7,600 feet of cable and 32 pedestals to provide electricity to the 6 SMI Polecat snowguns. There were 'tees' installed for the Phase 4 extension of the piping system up the Two Tier and Hoot Owl trails, and to potential future trails within the pine plantation.

Our donation to the DNR for the Phase 3B and 3C expansions was \$95,000. Our actual expenses for these two phases was \$96,335.

Restoration of the trails and adjacent areas disturbed by the Phase 3B and 3C work is proceeding slowly due to the wet conditions. There are two work sessions per week scheduled to complete the restoration, as progress with the final grading allows. A portion of the Phase 3C trails are in an area that is impacted by naturally occurring springs that have historically created wet conditions on the trail. This area will take some time and special attention to complete the restoration.

**Project Fundraising and Community Engagement:** Discussions with Cindi Duchow – local state representative –are ongoing. She has told us that a measure has been included in the proposed State biennial budget to provide funding for snowmaking operation and maintenance. Charlie Ritter is staying in touch with her office to monitor the progress of this budget item. Will Edwards is developing a “tactical” plan for improving fundraising operations and recruiting volunteers for snowmaking activities.

**Snowcat:** The snowmaking committee is actively strategizing replacement of the current snowcat in the relatively near future. A general make and model have been identified. It is anticipated that the replacement snowcat will be “used”. A budget of \$100,000 is being carried at the moment for the replacement snowcat.

**Snowcat Garage:** A building to store the snowcat is also being evaluated. Conceptual sizing, siting, and pricing is underway. A budget of \$50,000 is being carried for the building. A design charrette (workshop) will be held at the June 25<sup>th</sup> snowmaking committee meeting to obtain ideas on building functions, amenities and potential locations. John McCarthy is leading this effort.

**Land Use Agreement:** A Development, Operations, and Maintenance Plan for Snowmaking at Lapham Peak (the Plan) is being developed to comply with one of the requirements of the LUA. The Plan will address the specific items called for in the LUA and is being built from the previously submitted Strategic and Business Plan for Snowmaking. John McCarthy is leading this effort.

**Planning for 2019-20 Snowmaking Season** – The Snowmaking Best Practices guidance document, included as an appendix of the Strategic and Business Plan for Snowmaking, is being updated by Rich Marusinec for use in snowmaking operations in 2019-20. Planning is underway by Anne Riendl and Rich for scheduling and training snowmaking volunteers for the upcoming season.

**FLP Board and Snowmaking Committee Cookout** – The evening of July 23<sup>rd</sup> has been selected for our third annual FLP Board and snowmaking committee cookout, at the Mike Fort shelter. Time frame is 5:30 to 9:00. Watch for an e-mail with more details.

Anne R amended John’s Report with the following additional information -- The following table shows the Snowmaking Income for each of the recent fiscal years broken down into the categories of where the money came from. There is certainly a lot of support in our community for Snowmaking at Lapham Peak!

The column headed with 2019 shows income from Oct 1, 2018 to End of May 2019.

Sum of Amount						
Category	2014	2015	2016	2017	2018	2019
Club	\$ 500.00	\$ 2,000.00	\$ 2,382.00	\$ 2,900.00	\$ 2,500.00	\$ 6,709.00
CORPORATE	\$ 1,600.00	\$ 1,794.00	\$ 450.00	\$ 1,200.00	\$ 5,148.00	\$ 8,409.24
FRIGHT HIKE	\$ 1,403.29	\$ 3,051.20	\$ 3,686.37	\$ 4,974.67	\$ 5,151.91	
GRANT	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 3,750.00	\$ 7,500.00	\$ 8,500.00	\$ 8,000.00	\$ 2,500.00
PERSONS	\$ 22,936.31	\$ 27,469.79	\$ 41,031.91	\$ 25,212.10	\$ 40,379.23	\$ 70,148.88
ITEMS SOLD	\$ 2,925.00	\$ 1,848.00	\$ 2,040.00	\$ 720.00	\$ 1,670.00	\$ 220.00
FLP FUNDRAISERS	\$ 13,571.84	\$ 9,666.00	\$ 13,517.95	\$ 9,784.68	\$ 9,727.84	\$ 18,320.77
FRIENDS OF LAPHAM PEAK						
<b>Grand Total</b>	<b>\$ 50,436.44</b>	<b>\$ 49,578.99</b>	<b>\$ 70,608.23</b>	<b>\$ 53,291.45</b>	<b>\$ 72,576.98</b>	<b>\$ 106,307.89</b>

**Habitat Restoration:** John H reported that they have been concentrating on the front of the Park; and, they are now at the Corner of the Entrance Road as it turns Right to Evergreen. He also reported that since January 1, 2019, they have burned over 202 large piles of Buckthorn and related invasive species/trees and other deadfall issues. Garlic Mustard and other nasty invasive weed plants are being sprayed, pulled, and piled. Crews from various high schools are scheduled in June (about 50 students are coming on June 15<sup>th</sup> as part of a Leadership Workshop).

The crew met with Peter from the Southern Unit; it was his first time to LP. He provided support and aimed us to others who can help us continue our work to get prairie and woods-burning back on the schedules and plans again. It was helpful to have Mike Fort out with us on this day!

**Grants:** In addition to those mentioned in the treasure’s discussion above:

**C.D. Besadny Conservation Fund, \$1,000, for “Removal of Invasive Species & Habitat Restoration” project** – Louise reminded John H that a project report is due by Aug 1<sup>st</sup>; this work has been completed (it centered around work near the Nature Center between the accessible trails, and also at the Springs on the west side of the park).

**RTP** – John M is collecting signatures for the final paperwork for these efforts completed over \$17K of work of which we should get \$8,900 back from the state.

**2018 Enhancement Trails Grant** – See the [minutes from April 3<sup>rd</sup>](#) board meeting; a plan was needed for this work, and John M developed one for us that was discussed tonight. While he noted his concerns that we may have a shortage of people to lead this effort, and that his focus is on the Phase 3b/c restoration work, he did provide a plan that will need someone to lead and drive it. After discussion at the meeting, he agreed to amend his plan based on that discussion and in a follow-up email on June 6<sup>th</sup> he provided an updated version of the plan, attached<sup>4</sup>. There are a number of outstanding questions; Anne K will follow up with Janet to see if she can get clarifications; one of those questions has to do with timing, as in how long can this work be spread out over?

**Memorial Benches:** Three more benches were donated this past month! John H will survey (grade: A-F) all the benches in June for their conditions.

**Butterfly Garden:** More plants have been ordered for the Garden.

**Summer Solstice:** We're all set for June 22<sup>nd</sup>; insurance to cover us serving alcohol has been obtained. The Servers Certificates that John M and Paul K obtained last year are still good for this year (those are good for 2 years). Posters have been posted and/or mailed out, Rita continues to line up volunteers, sponsors, and donations.

**Colorama:** T-Shirt colors have been determined. Sponsors are in-progress – with [our web site](#) being updated with each of those that will be helping us with sponsorships or donations again this year. Awards are also now being determined.

**Membership:** Anne R had cards printed up to advertise memberships and Rita reported that we added one additional lifetime member this past month.

**Fright Hike:** We are planning on being in the Delafield July 4<sup>th</sup> parade (City of Waukesha didn't want us in theirs). Cards advertising the event have been printed up and will be handed out in the parade.

Note, due to wet conditions, John M and Anne R are going to recommend a change in the Fright Hike route so that it by-passes some of the areas that were worked on for the Phase 3 expansion efforts – away from trails that we don't believe will be dried out in time for the Hike traffic. They will bring this topic up to our Fright Hike Coordinator.

### **New Business**

**New Glass Mobile:** A new glass mobile has been created and donated to the Park; it is hanging in the Front Office now. It's a dedication of memories of the Ice Age Trail. A sign will be added noting its story and significance.

**Gold Seal Awards:** Nominations for the Friends of Wisconsin State Parks Gold Seal Awards are due Aug 30<sup>th</sup>; one category that makes good sense for us is best handicapped accessible trail, and another is best state park/trail for Winter recreation. See: <https://friendswiparks.blogspot.com/2018/07/2019-gold-seal-award-contest.html>

**By-Laws:** Louise brought her copies of the original by-laws and amendments; there were questions about these during the past month, especially regarding this information for new(er) members.

**Tax Reporting:** Randy is working with Louise, Karl and Anne R on various sources of donations in the past years; this information is needed for some of the tax reporting that we are obligated to do.

**Meeting Adjourned:** With a motion by John H and a second by Karl, the board agreed to adjourn at 9:15 pm. We will not be meeting in July, so our next meeting will be August 7th (Wednesday) at 6pm, Hausman Nature Center.

**\*\*Reminder,** a joint potluck/picnic of the Snowmaking Committee and members and the FLP Board is scheduled for July 23<sup>rd</sup>.

Respectfully submitted, August 7, 2019

John Hillmer, Secretary

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

1) Treasurer's (April)



May2019.pdf

2) SnowMaking Report



Snowmaking.pdf

3) Snowmaking 3C Costs



Phase 3C Actual  
Cost.pdf

4) 2018 Enhancement Trails Grant



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Rehab Scope.pdf