

**Friends of Lapham Peak**  
Board of Directors Meeting  
August 4, 2021



**Attendees** (Board Members)

Louise Borzynski, John Hillmer, Jon Jeffords, Rita Keber, Colton Kelly (DNR)\*, Anne Korman (DNR)\*, Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Karl Timm\*, Rick Von Haden, Dan Wiley, Randy Wichinski.  
Guest: Mark Herr

**Meeting was held using ZOOM:** Meeting was called to order at 6:00pm.

**Minutes:** July's minutes were reviewed and updated with several corrections; those changes were made and then approved; they have been posted to our [Web Site](#).

**Treasurer's Report:** Karl updated the June Treasurer Report<sup>1</sup> with the following and there's now a CORRECTIONS section at the bottom of the INC&EXP tab. His July report is also attached<sup>2</sup>. On the Assets page he created Previous-Month and Difference columns, so it's easy to see how things are changing, e.g., the Vanguard endowment.

- renamed the line Fundraising Events to Fundraising
- moved \$417.90 Fundraising expense from GF to SM

While Karl's on vacation, bills or reimbursements can be processed by Louise, with Dan co-signing.

**OLD BUSINESS**

**Snow Making:** John M reported -

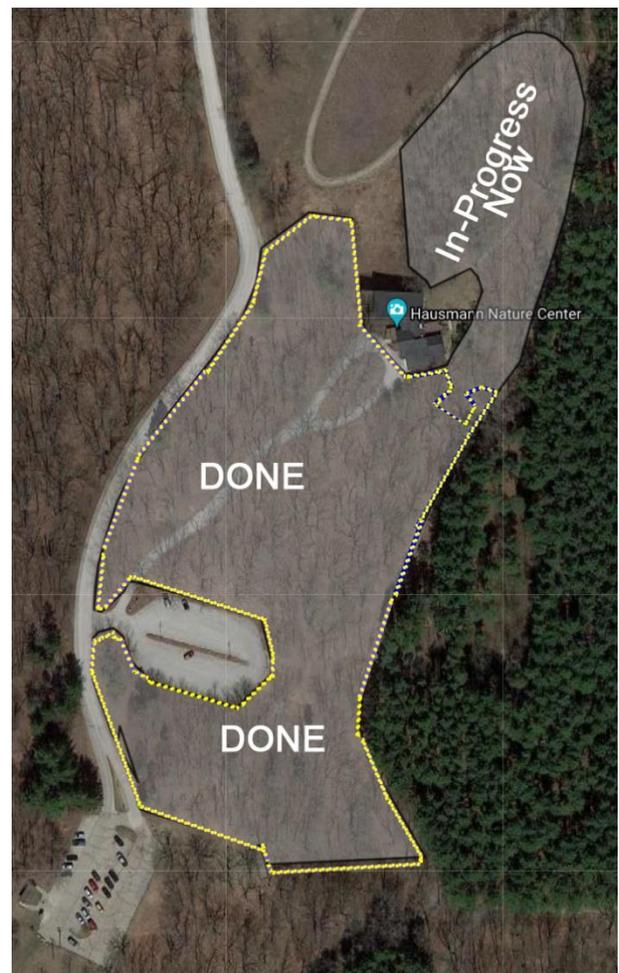
- Rick and Jay are still planning changes to the A & B circuits for improved load balancing.
- WE Energies overcharged us for last season, so they will credit us in the next month(s).

**Habitat:** John H shared:

- Repairs to Gator's brakes are complete, and maintenance (oil, filters) was done by the Buckthorn Busters; however, a transmission belt was also needed – so Proven Power completed that for us.
- Work to clear tall buckthorn and dead trees from around the Nature Center is well underway to enable us to burn through the woods there this fall. A progress photo is provided at the right –
- Louise indicated that seed for the Campsite has been purchased, and John H said that Colton is working on the materials list for the Campsite shelter.
- John H learned that a large sign "Prairie Restoration by Dan and Melissa Jarecki" has arrived.

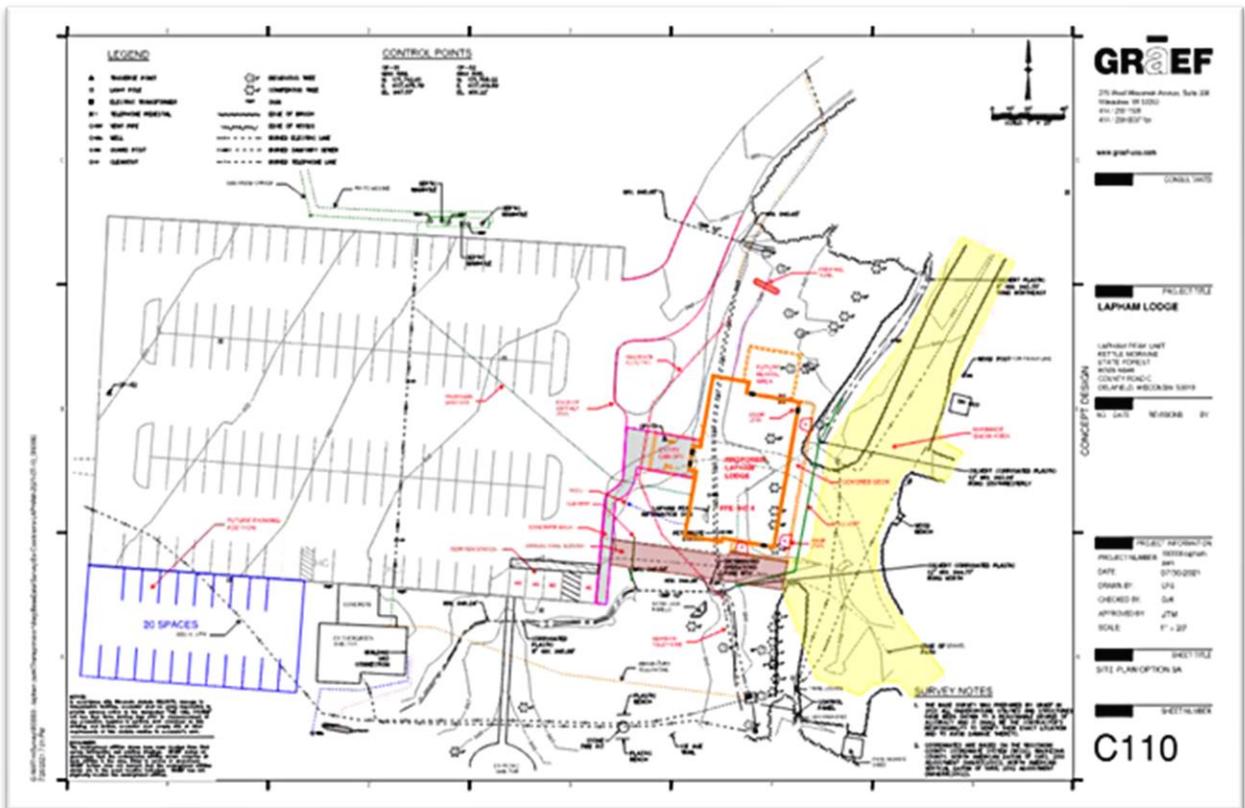
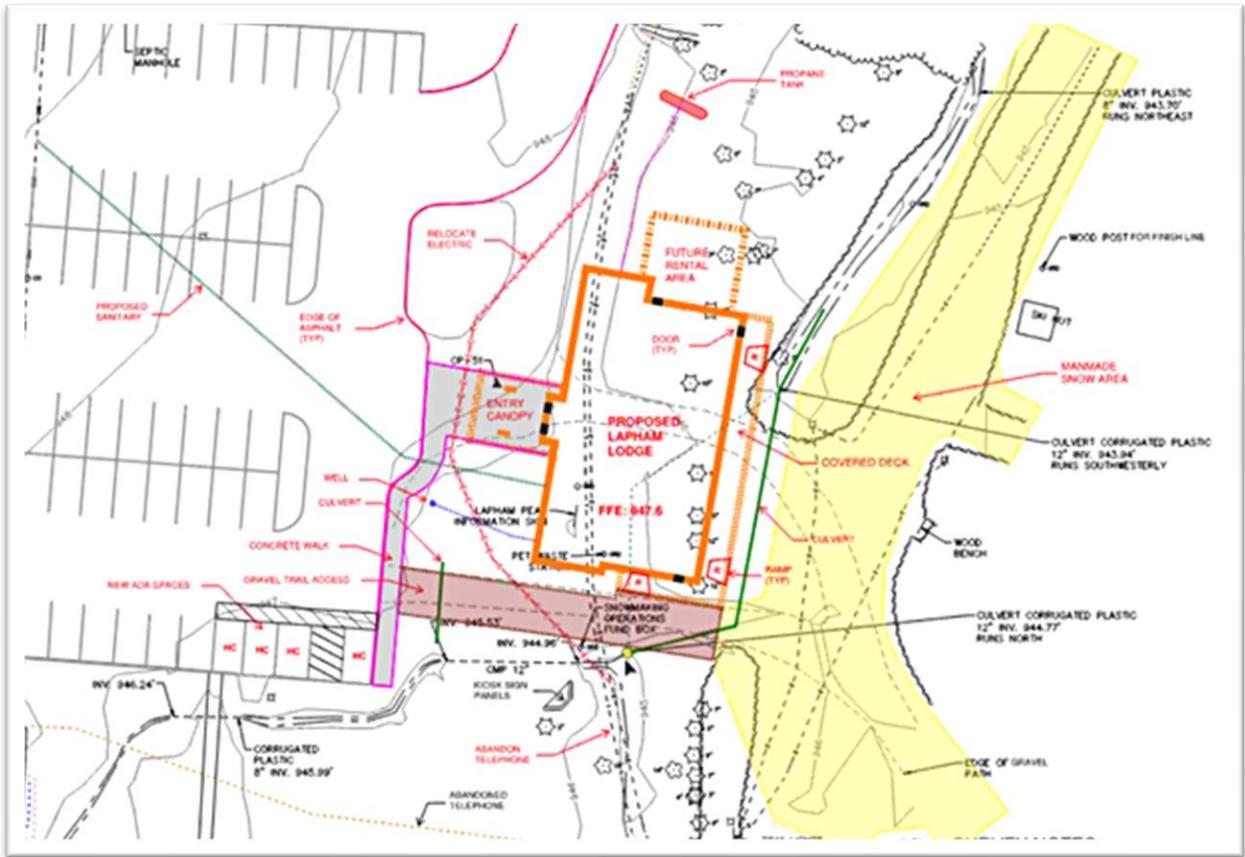
**Lapham Lodge Discussion:** led by John McC, with guest Mark Herr joining us for this topic –

- Rita emailed the board a draft of a Fund-Raising Letter (attached<sup>3</sup>) that would be used once the DNR approves the plan and approves us asking for donations (a meeting is planned with Missy Vanlanduyt next week where John M anticipates that



the DNR will provide steps for us to follow so that we can move the plan forward with them). There were some comments on the letter (e.g., remove the phrase that talks about replacing Evergreen, and questions about the DNRs process for naming buildings, etc.) which the committee will take under advisement.

- John M provided and discussed site maps with us, samples below:



- John M said they are now getting input from Plunkett Raysich Architects (PRA).
- If board members have additional questions or input, they should email or contract the committee.



**Accounting:** Randy indicated that our Federal 990 and State 1952 forms have been electronically submitted now. He also discussed next steps for engaging with RitzHolman for our future accounting reviews, compilation, and or audits:

- The engagement letter for RitzHolman CPAs has been received; Randy will review it and will work with Louise on getting it signed.
- Randy indicated that it is likely we will only need a compilation this fiscal year but going forward we will need an audit given anticipated donation levels. However, we are close to going over the compilation level.

**Colorama:** Kris and Jon reported-

- 600+ people have been notified of this year's event (using prior year contact lists)
- 68 people have registered so far!
- In addition to registrations, sponsor-fees and private-donations are being received.
- Brochures are in the kiosks.
- Special Event form is done
- Medals are in-progress for bring ordered; and T-Shirt designs are in-progress too.

**Memorial Bricks and Benches:**

- Dan said that brick orders continue to come in. In past years, we've received about 45 bricks per year, and we're ahead of that number already this year.
- Dan is getting a quote for completing the walkway, and the Butterfly Garden is looking spectacular this year, thanks to volunteers led by Liz and Eva – and help from many others.

**Grants:** John M. reported that the Weisinecker grant was closed out at the end of June.

## NEW BUSINESS

**Uniforms:** Anne R shared information and then moved that we donate \$300 from our General Fund to the Peak Nordic ski club for additional uniforms for their middle school students. Rita seconded the motion and it passed unanimously.

**Hausmann Nature Fund:** Kris asked the board about the \$56K in the Hausmann Nature Fund and wondered about using some of it to help fund a position to staff the Center. Louise said that she could share information on the history of the Center, and that using the money in other ways, possibly towards some aspect of the new Lodge, would be preferred.

**Adjourned at 8:30'ish:**

Our next Board meeting will be **Wednesday Sept 1, 5:45 pm via Zoom** (to start at 6pm).

Respectfully Submitted, John Hillmer

Attachments:

1.  2021 June Treas Rpt v2.xls
2.  2021 July Treas Rpt.xls
3.  Such Good News v2.pdf