

Friends of Lapham Peak
Board of Directors Meeting
June 8, 2022



Attendees: (All Members Present)

Louise Borzynski, John Hillmer, Melissa Jarecki, Jon Jeffords, Rita Keber, Colton Kelly (DNR), Anne Korman (DNR), Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Karl Timm, Rick Von Haden, Dan Wiley
Plus, guests: Mark & Maggie Fischer

Meeting was held via ZOOM: Meeting was called to order at 6:04pm.

Minutes: Minutes from the May meeting were approved

Introductions – Mark & Maggie, long time Friends of LP, present to get a taste for the Board and its activities, with a possible interest in joining the board at some point.

Treasurer's Report: Karl provided us with the May¹ report (attached) and an updated April² report (attached) and commented that he spoke with Katy Sommer at RitzHolman about the Compilation Report for this year. She indicated that she was on top of it and did not request any more information from us.

Some items of note:

- moved \$9,016.95 from ski series into snowmaking
- added a "Feel the Burn" column
- paid \$1000 to our contractor for Fright Hike
- sold 2 benches: \$5000 (all bench locations that have been approved at this point have been sold)
- Lapham Lodge received \$3100 in donations (other funds were relatively quiet)
- Nature Center has had lots of activity

Snow Making: Anne R reported –

- Items mentioned in May minutes continue.
- Rich M is working on getting some of the WI tax paid for diesel fuel SM uses back from the State of WI.
- Hase Landscape Co. will be used to pay both some Snowgun Operator(s) and some Snowcat Operator(s) this coming ski season; the pay rates will be determined during the coming months.
- FLP paid \$4,655.00 to Hase Landscape Co. for Snow grooming services during the 2021-2022 season.

Habitat: John H reported-

- The recent focus for the crew has been at Nebobin Springs; clearing out massive amounts of buckthorn so that people can see all the way to Timms Woods now from the Springs. The Springs have also been cleaned as has the trails leading back to the Springs. Other worksites have included the Ice Age Trail near on the west side near Cushing Road, in the tree lines on the west side, and south of the Butterfly Garden. Herbiciding has begun as well (Foliar spraying invasives such as crown vetch and also hitting areas where we've working during prior seasons to help keep the invasives from coming back).
- We have been saving good hard woods and plan to split this later in the year once a splitter has been acquired. We will make the split wood available to the park for sale in either a vending machine or by the honor system or we will give it away – but we will stop burning the good hardwoods that we come across.
- Work to restore a new prairie on the west side has begun; signs has been placed to tell people what's going on as 3 acres have been burned and now killed off and they look pretty bad at this point. They will be killed again in August or Sept and then planted in Sept or October.

Memorial Benches and Bricks:

- John H has the materials to build 8 more benches; the Buckthorn Busters will do this in June/July.
- Bricks have been installed in the new pathway; some maintenance is needed to the new pathway where edging is loose. 13 orders for new bricks since the beginning of the year. We still need a brochure holder for West side gate at the Butterfly Garden.
- the We officially have 1 spot left for a bench, but 7 new benches are needed to fulfill the orders that we currently have, so John H will have about 8 more made in June.
- The brick pathway was completed in the butterfly garden! Some new bricks are already in the new section.
- 7 panels were added to hide equipment at the butterfly garden. This was done with DNR & volunteer help.
- A request has been made to add a brochure holder for the brick pamphlets to the west side of the butterfly garden gate. Colton will investigate.

Insurance:

Renewals are coming out now. Liqueur coverage (\$250) is good for all year, not just one event. There was an issue with the company notifying us ahead of the normal renewal date, so they are catching up with that now.

Hausmann Nature Center:

- Has been open for a few weeks with 50-60 people attending the first weekend, less the 2nd weekend (due to weather); 50-60 people the 3rd weekend.
- Fox6 did a nice piece on us!

Summer Solstice: Sponsorships & donations coming in! Rita has a good start at the volunteers needed for the event as well.

Feel the Burn 5K: So far, \$1850 in income for the event; 1464 in expenses, and so far 45 entries. Volunteers are lined up for the most part.

Colorama: Sponsorship letter has been distributed; and a few checks have been dropped off already. Timing company is lined up with a contract in progress.

Fright Hike: Contract has been signed with our event contractor; initial payment has been provided as well.

Firewood Vending Machine: Colton updated up with information – that costs for the unit would be about \$6000. A Firewood agreement of some sort would be needed. A concessions agreement/fee to the DNR (of some percent) would be needed. Additional information on fees and costs to operate as well as experience at other locations was requested by the Board.

Lodge: John McC and Rita shared-

- Foundation/footing designs have been adjusted due to water table findings (structural engineer)
- Historical Archaeological findings have come back, no issues for us (nothing of concern for us above or below ground); DNR has accepted these finding so now just waiting on (Tribal Historical Preservation Office)
- Updated construction estimates have come in but waiting for DOA/DNR review
- Rita indicated pledges of \$685,582 have come in for the Lodge to date

Adjourned at 7:08pm: Next meeting – Wednesday **Aug 10**, 5:45 via Zoom, Respectfully Submitted, J. Hillmer

Attachments (2):



2022 May Treas
Rpt.xls



2022 April Treass Rpt
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