

Friends of Lapham Peak  
Board of Directors Meeting-Hausmann  
May 16, 2024



**Attendees: (\* Unable to attend)**

Mark Fischer, Mark Herr, John Hillmer, Melissa Jarecki, Rita Keber, Colton Kelly (DNR), \*John Kolbe, Kris Maki, John McCarthy, Anne Riendl, Karl Timm, \*Becky Burton, Brian Lemke (DNR), Collin Bergholz (DNR)

**Meeting was held at Hausmann:** Meeting was called to order at 3:01 pm.

**Minutes:** Minutes from the April meeting were approved and will be posted on website

**Next Meeting:** Next Board Meeting will be Thursday June 20, 2024-3pm-Hausmann

Lapham Lodge Info—Mark H



03 April Lodge

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2024-05-10-East

Patio Paver Layouts-O

- \* MOU has been signed
- \* Builders Risk Policy is in place
- \* Grant Letter from State/DNR for \$250K received-we requested the initial \$125K
- \* Fundraising thru April 30: \$2,681,574.41 (an increase \$10,687.35 since March 31)
- \* Construction has begun
- \* Engineer is working on Soil Report-has waited over 2 weeks for response
- \* Dirt removal in progress
- \* John M-discussed the brick layout options-1500 Bricks

Treasurers Update-Karl T



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Treasurer Report v2.x

- \* Reviewed Treasurer's Report
- \* Financial audit ongoing

Snowmaking-Anne R



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Snowmaking Committ

- \* Waiting on 3 quotes for well repair project
- \* Waiting for DNR Capital Park Funding Grant \$50K-Hope for approval this fiscal year which starts July1

Habitat-John H



05 Apr 2024 Habitat

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- \* Waiting for UTV bus to be formally accepted by DNR; though all documentation has been provided to DNR that we consider this equipment donated as of the date of acquisition. It's been a huge help in transporting average of 12 people and equipment each work day

\* KM High School students again helping with Buckthorn Busting

### Ski Series-Kris M

\* All is good

### Nature Center-Melissa J



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\* 400 Guests in April

\* Nature Center Committee now has 7 members

\* Working on History Room projects-including Native American artifacts collection wall hanging display

\* Meeting with Waterford Wine 5/15 concerning "Women Wine in the Woods" Fundraising Hike in Lapham-possibly 10/17/2024-5:30pm

\* Bids were put out for installation of Handicapped accessible doors

### Memorial Bricks (Bricks & Benches)

\* Discussion on Benches at Lodge:

- 2 more people are interested in purchasing benches with plaques
- Approved plans call for 9 benches. Potential donors are willing to pay \$4000 each if they can have a plaque on them
- \$4000 is not the cost of the bench, unlike the other donor items; \$4000 is a "fundraising opportunity"
- Actual cost of each bench is below \$1000, but donors would pay \$4000 per bench with a plaque (one family even offered to purchase them all for a plaque).
- DNR says they have received a few complaints of too many benches in the Park; no one to our knowledge has complained about the plaques (memorials).
- DNR told Friends about 2 years ago not to accept more bench requests; DNR does not want more benches on the trails. So, we have not accepted more requests though the Friends do not agreed with the decision.
- Friends believe benches could be spread out so they aren't as close as some of them are now (the DNR placed all of the benches in their current locations); there are places where an extra bench here or there would make real sense. People have been begging us to allow them a memorial bench.
- Brian Lenke at the DNR is not in favor of plaques on the 9 approved benches that are planned for the Lodge. This is rejecting the fundraising option to obtain \$36,000 in donations, which would cover the costs of all the tables and chairs that are needed inside the new Lodge.

### Butterfly Garden-Rita K

\* Several new volunteers

\* Water is on and Garden is open

### Membership updates-Rita K

\* 79 current paid members

\* 199 Lifetime members

### Feel the Burn-Kris M

\* Saturday June 22, 2024

\* Colton will continue to be Race Director

\* Food Truck this year-"Banging Burgers"

### Friday 13<sup>th</sup>/Fright Hike-John H

- \* Contract for 2024 was signed with Program Producer
- \* Summer Solstice event at the park is not going to happen this year
- \* Discussed September "Friday the 13<sup>th</sup>" - work to set up and take down props was discussed; all props would need to be removed between Sept 13 and Fright Hike at the end of Oct

### Traffic Lights-Anne R

- \* Bases have been ordered and should arrive soon
- \* County should plan installation in early June

### Spring Workday-John H

- \* April 27<sup>th</sup>-20 people with over 60 volunteer hours

### Status of Handicapped Enhancement for Elevators at Hausmann-Collin B

- \* Waiting for Contactor Quote and possible equipment update-Capital Development Project

### Status of Heat at Hausmann

- \* Still in process of looking at options

### AED's for the Park-John H

- \* Evergreen AED needs to be repaired – DNR is on the hook for this
- \* Snowmaking AED system-installed
- \* For the Lodge-in Donor Catalog, and Buckthorn Busters have agreed to fund this
- \* For Hausmann-from Evergreen when the Lodge is completed

### Upcoming Events

- \* Jay Abts event-sometime in June
- \* June 20<sup>th</sup> next Board Meeting
- \* June 22 Feel the Burn Run/Walk
- \* July 16-FLP Potluck (with Snowmaking and the Board)

### Knowles-Nelson Stewardship (For the Lodge)

- 2022 \$20K (with \$20K match); received 1<sup>st</sup> installment (\$10K) requesting 2<sup>nd</sup> installment
- 2023 \$20k (with \$20K match); received 1<sup>st</sup> installment (\$10K)
- 2024 \$20k (with \$20K match)-Approved
- \* DNR Partnership Enhancement grant for Traffic Crossing  
Approved-matching checks received from IATA and FLP
- \* State Park and Forest Heritage Fund (Submitted prior to 11/15),2:1 Match Ratio; Waiting on Decision-taking too long
- \* The Greater Delafield Community Fund Grant-Rita submitted for Butterfly Garden
- \* Submitted an Incentive Grant to "Friends of WI State Parks" for Naturalist-Approved

Adjourned at 5:08 pm

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Respectfully Submitted, M Fischer