

June 19, 2025, FOLP meeting minutes (updated)

In attendance;

Voting members-John Hillmer, Kris Maki, Karl Timm, Nicole Diedrick, Anne Riendl, John McCarthy, Mark Fischer, John Kolbe, and Becky Burton.

DNR representatives-Mike Ring.

Meeting started at 3:07pm.

- May meeting minutes approved by the board unanimously.

Treasures report-Karl Timm;

- They are continuing to work hard on the audit information understanding the value in the deadline. John Hillmer to sign off that it was submitted by June 30th, 2025.
- Becky Burton has left a “tab” open for the Brick report. A typo with the beginning value doesn’t seem to match that from October. A few months back of calculating numbers is being done.
- Money is yet to be transferred to the DNR for operational costs. There are four different checks: naturalist cost, two for snowmaking and one for Lodge maintenance (partial year costs May 17th-end of June 2025). A total of \$7,525.
- Kris Maki noted that there are a few donations that have yet to be reported; \$990 Peak Nordic, then will add Feel the Burn amounts after the event is had to finish her June totals.

Lapham Lodge-report provided by Mark Herr, but was not in attendance at this meeting;

- Questions from visitors on what the Wi-Fi password is? The internet connection in the Lodge is slow, a password is available but it is for private use only. A motion was carried with 3 rejections to have it “available only for private use or by paid guests” (rather than open to everyone). Then if too many people have access or for good measure the password will be changed periodically.
- A carpet cleaning demo will take place tomorrow (6/20/2025). A budget of \$6300 was planned and negotiations with salesmen will begin on which model suits the Lodge best.
- The 4 pre reserved dates for the Gathering Space need to be submitted to the DNR by 9/30/2025; John M will take the lead on this.
- The question of if Friends Groups pay the special event permit fee was asked. DNR to get back with the answer.
- John McCarthy reported that they are working hard to close out the contract with Altius. A main goal is addressing the thermostat, while they are addressing a 30+

list of other smaller things to do (grill path, changing room window is transparent, drinking fountain, standing water outside building, a plumbing issue, etc.) – those will not hold up the closing of the contract with Altius.

- The Lodge items needed/wanted list has been updated and published.
- Lockers in the building tend to self lock or people get locked out. The need to have a key available to unlock is being asked for to be kept somewhere.

Snowmaking-see report;

- Waiting for well, lights and hydrants to be addressed. Concerns voiced by John McCarthy.

Ski league/Series/Loppet by Kris Maki;

- A brand new shed to come from Home Depot. They currently have \$4400 in e-gift cards along with \$287.32 from the ski series profits to put towards the total price.
- Home Depot provided an initial delivery date of 7/16/2025. We would like them to push it back to August 20th. A concrete slab is not needed for placement and we need to provide to helpers to help with the delivery and set up. John H will provide the FLP helpers to Kris and HD.
- Loppet date set for January 17th, 2026.
- Wednesday night ski league for the 2026 season will begin January 7th and run through February 11th.

Habitat-see report.

Hausmann Nature Center/Accessible path-no report today while Melissa Jarecki is on vacation.

Butterfly Garden-see report.

Colorama;

- Being held October 4th.

Fright Hike;

- October 17th and 18th.

Feel the Burn-Kris Maki;

- Volunteers have been contacted and the response was great. All seem to be returning to their previous roles.
- 120 packs of native seeds will be available to purchase. Any packs left over will be available at the park office for purchase.

Rangers Report; See report from Sean

Expenditure report;

- Still deciding ceiling of amounts requiring approval.
- The question asked if funds are previously allocated to go somewhere, do they still need approval?

New Business;

- Insurance discussions on the art wall continue. A motion at 5:08pm made by John Kolbe to continue to allow the DNR to own the piece (Donor Recognition Wall), all were in favor, motion passed.

Prowl the Peak;

- The race director of that event asked for a donation from FLP. Anne R took the lead on this.
- A motion at 5:11pm was had to donate \$500 as a sponsor, motion was unanimously agreed upon. The money would come out of the General Fund.
- ◇ Anne Riendl wants a motion with a detailed form to request two appointed board officers to approve payments. A link/attachment was provided. No action taken.
 - A form to be filled out to ensure receipts of spending or expenses paid.
 - Need more help with getting grants handled and information retrieved. Information on them is difficult to identify and needs clarification.
- ◇ Bridge on Paul Sandgren Trail needs repair work; +/- culvert, replace (deemed an emergency project) to be done this Fall 2025 or Spring 2026. Funding will come from Madison.
- ◇ Mary (front office) would like a third "A" frame sign. The cost to purchase is \$170. Motion to purchase two was made by John K, motion passed. John Hillmer will purchase, and funds will come from the General Fund.
- ◇ Question on where to place a recent \$50 "Dog Friendly" donation? Agreed to put into the General Fund account.

New Trail;

- A path from the tower to the parking lot of the Hausmann lot was approved. Pictured provided. This is a safer option to keep pedestrians off of the road. Buckthorn Busters will make it happen with help from Collin as needed.

Hwy C road crossing;

- Still an issue. No real fix in sight other than pedestrian striping may need to be redone. A sign to warn people that cars might not stop was requested. DNR is to look into this

No official July board meeting, but the Potluck will be had. If Board action is needed in July, assuming a quorum is present, that can be conducted that evening. August's meeting is scheduled for 3pm on the 21st at the Lapham Lodge.

Meeting adjourned at 5:50pm.

Minutes recorded by Nicole Diedrick, Secretary Board Member