

MINUTES OF THE FRIENDS OF THE PARK
2/9/2012

Members present: Grace Borgfjord, Peggy Warlick, Jeff Parsons, Carol Ladd, Lee Larson, Rob Bertrand and Carol VanAntwerp.

The meeting was called to order at 4:20pm. The minutes of 1/24/12 were approved as written.

Arbor Day: It was announced that the township barn will be used to store the trees available for pick-up on 4/21. There will be a link on the Oshtemo Township website linking interested people to the Conservation District's website to peruse what is available and to order and pay for their selections. Radio media personalities Lori Moore and Roger Taylor will be made aware of this opportunity and asked to announce one and two weeks before 4/21.

Friends Logo: Logo number one was chosen. Grace will contact Sandra.

Oshtemo Newsletter: The February newsletter will include information re: Friends of the Park. Our mission,planned activities, etc. Rob Bertrand will author this, and shared his rough draft with FOP members.

Invitation to Dedication of Park: Grace distributed a mock up.

Grace proposed the park dedication should be photographed for posterity. Rob suggested asking the Yearbook Staff at Kalamzoo Christian High School to see if any students would be willing to do this as a community service activity, He will pursue this.

Special Parks Facility Reservation Application completed by Grace for the Arbor Day in April and Dedication activity in May.

Jeff and Grace have signed the agreement transferring the Sunburst Run to Friends of the Park from the Oshtemo Township aegis.

Budget: The 2012 budget will hopefully be finalized at the next FOP meeting in April. Grace is working on the liability insurance for the FOP board.

Grace recommended that FOP donate \$1500 to Oshtemo Township as part of the match requirement for the MDNR grant received to fund improvements of our park. Jeff moved that we do this, Lee seconded the motion which passed.

Jeff reiterated that PayPal is up and running.

Signs: a brief discussion re: the signs needed for the new park, eg, disc golf, MDNR dedication, rain garden and temporary signs needed for 4/21 and 5/19 raised issues on township guidelines and the possibilty of the disc golf group paying to play.

Food: It was agreed that food offered the day of the Dedication would be healthy and environmentally friendly, eg, popcorn, apples, bottled water.

The meeting was adjourned at 5:30pm Next meeting is April 17 at 4:15pm.

Respectfully Submitted,

Carol VanAntwerp