

**Oshtemo Friends of the Parks
November 13, 2013**

The meeting was held at the Grange Hall. Chairperson called the meeting to order at 4:30 p.m.

Members Present: Peggy Warlick, Chairperson
 Deb Everett, Secretary
 Carol Ladd, Treasurer
 Jeff Parsons
 Libby Heiny-Cogswell
 Grace Borgfjord

Motion by Parsons, second by Heiny-Cogswell to approve the minutes of the September 11th meeting. Carried.

Motion by Heiny-Cogswell, second by Parsons to approve the Treasurer's Report. Carried.

Motion by Parsons, second by Ladd to approve the Sunburst Run donation of \$7,000 toward improvements at Flesher Field.

Suggestion was a Sunburst liaison is needed for the FOP with Ms. Borgfjord's resignation from the FOP. Ms. Borgfjord noted the Sunburst Committee is also seeking new members. Suggestion was made to ask Greg Milliken to serve as liaison since he has joined the Sunburst Committee as the Township representative.

Organization Activities – Chairperson Warlick and members Parsons and Heiny-Cogswell participated in the Day of Caring at the KL Preserve on September 26th.

Chairperson Warlick has delivered a second set of trash barrels to the Mattawan art class for painting. She noted the paint being used is weatherproof so the barrels can be left out year round.

Groundbreaking for Flesher Field Phase I was held today; members Warlick, Heiny-Cogswell, and Everett attended. Plants from the Sundial Garden were moved and transplanted to the Township Hall property by Ms. Warlick, Ms. Heiny-Cogswell, Parks Administrator Karen High and Maintenance Personnel Rick Everett and Keith Clapp. Consensus was FOP will coordinate the dedication of Flesher Field Phase I in the spring when completed.

There was discussion that while there has been one new member, Wes Freeland, appointed to the FOP board, more volunteers are needed. Suggestion was perhaps scout groups or students needing community service hours could be recruited for projects.

Communication – Discussion was held on various means of communicating the FOP message; i.e., the web page, Facebook, Twitter.

Chairperson Warlick advised she is following up on the possibility of an intern to assist with various projects including researching best practices for this type of group.

Member Heiny-Cogswell advised the Park Committee is working on having construction documents for the Grange to review in December.

There was discussion the FOP brochure needs to be reprinted, the supply has been exhausted. Consensus was everyone should review for suggested updates prior to ordering more.

A calendar of possible activities for 2014 was distributed.

Ms. Borgfjord was presented with a Certificate of Appreciation for her dedication to Friends of the Parks, the Township and our Parks.

Due to members having other commitments to attend, meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:30 p.m.

Next scheduled FOP meeting is January 8, 2014 at 5:00 P.M.

Deb Everett, Secretary