

**Oshtemo Friends of the Parks  
September 10, 2014**

The regular meeting of the Oshtemo Friends of the Parks was held at the Township Hall. Co-Chair Warlick called the meeting to order at approximately 4:30 p.m.

Members Present:      Peggy Warlick, Co-Chair  
                                 Wes Freeland, Co-Chair  
                                 Deb Everett, Secretary  
                                 Carol Ladd, Treasurer  
                                 Jeff Parsons  
                                 Robb Smalldon

Also present was Karen High, Township Parks Administrator and Millard Loy, Oshtemo Historical Society President.

Motion by Smalldon, second by Parsons to approve the July 9<sup>th</sup> regular meeting minutes with the correction "regular meeting" instead of "special meeting". Carried.

**Recent Activities:**

- Movies in the Park are completed for this year; turnout was good for both June and July events, August was cancelled due to weather. Thank you will be sent to the Sunburst Run for their contributions to the events.
- OFOP had a booth at Oshtemo Fun Day, thanks to Libby and Karen for staffing it; also to Wes for the many wonderful photographs which he has shared in a very nice book format. Oshtemo Rotary estimated 5,000-6,000 people attended.

**Upcoming Activities:**

- Installation of logo on park signs; ready to print, should be installed in the next couple of weeks.
- Due to several issues, the rain garden project will not include participation from elementary students, other volunteers will be invited, work still expected to be completed this fall.
- Fall Color Tour w/Oshtemo Historical Society – Jeff will coordinate with OHS and their scheduled open house on October 19<sup>th</sup>, plans to include Grange members and provide pumpkin painting activities at the Grange Hall. Jeff will also contact Mattawan art teacher for possible student involvement. Deb will contact the Fire Department to request a truck for display at the Grange.
- Winter 2014-15 activity – Peggy reported a resident interested in perhaps assisting with a winter activity in the park, i.e., cross country and/or snowshoe demonstrations; she will follow up.
- A grand opening for Flesher Field will be planned for Spring 2015 after Phase II is completed.

**Communication:**

- Jeff reported web site is updated; additional changes will be made to reflect change in policy regarding selling t-shirts. Wes's photos will be added to the web page and the Facebook page.
- The updated brochure was reviewed.
- The annual Nonprofit Corporation report to the State has been submitted.
- Thank you will be sent to the Disc Golf League for the benches installed on the course.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 6:00 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – November 12<sup>th</sup> at 4:30 p.m.

Deb Everett, Secretary