

**Oshtemo Friends of the Parks
November 12, 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
 Libby Heiny-Cogswell

Motion by Freeland, second by Ladd to approve the September 10th regular meeting minutes. Carried.

Treasurer Ladd presented the Treasurer's Report.

Recent Activities:

- In October, members hosted an open house at the Grange Hall in conjunction with the Oshtemo Historical Society open house at the Drake House with a mapped color tour between the two sites. While attendance was light at the Grange, consensus was the effort was worthwhile.
- Peggy reported the Friends logo has been installed on the back of the park signs in Township Park.
- 2014 activities were reviewed.

Upcoming Activities:

- Winter activity – Libby will contact Great Lakes Adventure Club to gauge interest in perhaps assisting with a winter activity in the park, i.e., cross country skiing and/or snowshoeing.
- A grand opening for Flesher Field will be planned for June, 2015 after Phase II is completed.
- Ideas for the 2015 activity calendar were shared including an appreciation luncheon for park user groups, cleaning out the birdhouses in Township Park, assist with Sunburst Run, assist with Movies in the Park, participate in Day of Caring, Oshtemo Fun Day and fall color tour.
- 2015 meetings will be held on January 14th, March 11th, May 13th, July 8th, September 9th, November 18th.

Communication:

- Peggy reported a letter of support had been sent to the Kalamazoo Community Foundation in support of a grant application by Southwest Michigan Land Conservancy for the KL Preserve.
- Peggy submitted her letter of resignation effective December 31st. Members thanked her for her dedication and service.

Meeting was adjourned at approximately 5:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – January 14, 2015 at 4:30 p.m.

Deb Everett, Secretary