

Oshtemo Friends of the Parks
March 11, 2015

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

Members Present: Wes Freeland, Co-Chair
 Deb Everett, Secretary
 Carol Ladd, Treasurer
 Pam Jackson
 Dennis Patzer
 Courtney Holsworth

Also present was Karen High, Township Parks Administrator and 1 interested resident.

New members Courtney Holsworth and Dennis Patzer and guest Roger Taylor were welcomed.

Motion by Ladd, second by Patzer to approve the January 14th and February 11th meeting minutes. Carried.

Election of Officers

Slate of officers – Wes Freeland, Co-Chair –Endowment
 Pam Jackson, Co-Chair-Activities
 Deb Everett, Secretary
 Carol Ladd, Treasurer

Motion by Ladd, second by Patzer to approve the slate of officers as presented. Carried.

Treasurer's Report – Carol advised a written quarterly report is provided, current balances show approximately \$6,100 in the Friends of the Parks account and \$10,000 in the Sunburst account. She reported there are two memorial bench dedications remaining.

Karen provided information on benches that will be needed for the Flesher Field Phase II renovation.

Activity Updates

January – several people attended the Moonlight Ski/Snowshoe event which turned into a hike due to weather conditions.

April – Roger Taylor will lead a bird walk/watch on April 25th at 9:00 a.m. at the Township Park.

June, July and August – In preparation for Movies in the Park, Oshtemo Branch Library staff are in the process of selecting the titles, Roger Taylor has volunteered to host a pre-movie activity for the June date. There was discussion that attendance might increase if the movies were held on Friday night; Deb will contact the library for their availability.

Karen suggested the dedication for Flesher Field Phase II be held on Oshtemo Fun Day on August 15th, board members concurred. Deb will discuss with Oshtemo Rotary, Wes will pursue securing a door prize.

There was discussion there is a need for a banner/canopy with the Friends logo to improve visibility/branding. \$300.00 was authorized for the purchases; Pam and Karen will pursue.

Communication – Pam reported the web page and Facebook page have been updated; ideas or posts can be forwarded to her.

There was discussion that perhaps the Township's newsletter mailing list could be used for direct contact for Friends events notifications in addition to the items placed in the newsletter.

Endowment/Capital Campaign Update – Wes suggested a review of the endowment process for new members and refresher for returning members. Consensus was to meet on April 8th at 4:30 p.m.

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

Special Meeting – April 8th at 4:30 p.m.

Next Regular Meeting – May 13th at 4:30 p.m.

Deb Everett, Secretary