

Friends of Allegany State Park Inc.

Minutes of the September 28th 2019 Board of Directors/Public Meeting

Attendance:

Paul Crawford, Sandy Boczar, John Luby, Nick Zarrillo, Joe Eberle, Barb Conklin, Ralph Tidd

The meeting was called to order by Paul Crawford at 3pm and seconded by Barb Conklin

Secretary Report: Minutes: June 1 2019-handed out to Board Members. Motion to accept by Pau, seconded by Sandy Boczar

Treasurer's & Budget report: Sandy Boczar (attached)

New Business:

1. Positions open for election in December: 3 Board Members. Although there are no term limits, terms are still two years. Ralph, Barb and Joe have served for two years each and are all welcome to run again. Lisa Gustafson, Jen Kephart & Kevin Gallineau expressed interest in running for board positions.
2. Sawmill update: Awaiting our second grant Payment from Parks & Trails NY in the amount of \$5,312.50. Since the meeting was held, follow up paperwork was requested by PTNY to obtain the last mill grant payment.
Remediation done to Park standards, gutting of the mill 90% complete- we forgot the tool room.
Flooring replacement ordered, paid and delivered (thanks John Luby)
Wall board replacement measured by Paul still awaiting approval from Park Regional Carpenter Brian Ruth. Approx cost \$5,000.00
Paul will be working on a new grant for interpretive kiosks (inter & exterior), two large screen televisions and DVD players for mill educational footage. We need to have enough mill cash reserves for a probable 15% grant match. In this case the numbers may be closer to \$20,000.00.
We will need to have an experienced carpenter weekend for the installation of floor boards and wall boards perhaps in concurrence with a regular volunteer weekend. Having a handful of experienced carpenters, we can do the floor and walls over two volunteer days.
3. Calendar Contest/Fund Raiser: I have not heard from Mark Krenulec regarding this year's fundraiser. If not soon I will contact him; will contact per Paul. Since the meeting Mark has agreed to once again chair the event.
4. Newsletter: It looks like we'll have an annual edition. Suggestions are welcome. We continue to have large successes that are fodder for articles.
5. ILMPD 2020; Sandy you in? Quaker side in 2020. Sandy will head up ILMPD 2020.

6. \$1,500.00 budget for both sides ratified for 2019. Can we continue or should we pare back to \$1,000.00 in previous years? This year we purchased a sensor, 3 refrigerators and a set of nice towels for the Pitt Cottage for the Red House side, and \$840.00 in paint and a new pressure washer for the Quaker side. Pushback from upper management about how we disseminate our donations was quelled by the uncertainty of the National Heritage Trust Fund future and its reformation. Table until end of the year figures are in & we can look at our assets.
7. Why are you here? Easy Question-the commonality of the love of our park. What can you do? What you say you are going to do. We have worker bees by the dozens. We have a brain trust. I count on the advice of people inactive and not as active as we'd like them to be- because they've earned that confidence over the years. We are volunteers; we cannot be fired or no one can cut your pay. If you don't care for someone or something, I'll be happy to discuss it with you as I have. But please be respectful of your co-volunteers. The elders of our Organization know the pushback we've encountered from Management. Recent successes have put us in a position to affront this as we have most recently with our wins on the mill, our huge following on social media and the love of the patrons we have because of our hard work. Keep your eye on the prize-the betterment of our beloved park. Pep talk ineffective per Paul.

Old Business:

1. Up for discussion.
2. PTNY Conference Nov 15-17. Ratified to send Paul Crawford, Mike Weaver, John Luby & Nick Zarrillo. Hotel, tolls & gas to be paid for by the Friends.

Adjournment: The meeting was adjourned by Paul Crawford at 3:50 and seconded by Joe Eberle.