

FRIENDS OF BASS LAKE MEETING MINUTES

December 10, 2018

From Scott 11/12/18:

Here is a draft list of projects that I believe to be board approved. These projects weren't formally voted but reached substantial consensus, per our past operating procedures.

I'll look for a formal vote on future projects.

1. Buckthorn removal along the lake edge from the FOBL kiosk to the Kayak access.
2. Planting of an area appx. 1/16 acre contained within an 8 ft. deer enclosure fence bordering the White's property.
3. Planting of an area approximately 300 sf. Located adjacent to the new bench at the outlet structure.
4. Maintenance of woodchip trail, previously installed signage, previously cleared areas, and planted materials.
5. Permission for access from public park path, 3000 sf kayak launch for the purpose of DNR permitted cattail removal.

Please offer corrections or addition prior to my communicating with Jim Vaughn.

November 12, 2018

In attendance: Scott Carpenter, Nancy Rose, Jake, Tom, John Snyder, Jan Piepho, Susan Sackrison, Aimee Horstman Olson, Frank Steck, Kari Haeger. Guest: Bob from Wolfe Lake

Introductions

Treasury report: \$1189; shared amount that went above the approved amount for Natalie has been covered by Nancy Rose (aprox \$500)

Review and approval of October minutes: approved

Old Business

1. SLP stormwater management plan hosts open house Nov. 8, 6pm, City Hall.
Information from the event:
 - a. 20 rain gardens added and is an ongoing project
 - b. New projects for \$1.7 million over next 10 years to filter stormwater
 - c. Porous pavers on streets

- d. Stormwater pond by Park Glen apartments

Note: What was missing was restoring ponds to their natural state. Diamond Lake and Loring Park are examples of ponds returned to natural states.

2. Weekend and individual volunteer efforts continue.
Projects include buckthorn removal along Bass Lake frontage by the kiosk and in the woods.
 - a. (Susan) Using 3 cut method. First cut happened. Second cut planned for spring and then last cut next fall.
 - b. (Jan) Importance of trying to plant when removing buckthorn so not to just let next invasive plant take root. Would take research to decide what those plants would be.
3. Volunteer appreciation lunch at Elizabeth's home was cancelled.

New Business

1. Jen Kader (Fresh Water Society) will lead FOBL Vision 2019 process at the December board meeting.
 - a. Ahead of the meeting, there was a request to share summary of the last vision from 2-years ago and results. Susan will do this.
 - b. Ideas shared about how to plan for that meeting - what can we do ahead of the meeting to be prepared, should we plan that meeting to be 2 hours? Scott will connect with Jen about this.
2. Phillip Elkin continues to work with Veit Engineering to understand lake level fluctuations. Engineering will place a water monitoring depth pole.
3. Phillip and Eric will field inspect the stormwater ponding area next to the mini-storage to determine if additional excavation of the east pond area (currently filled with buckthorn) will help alleviate stormwater overflow and resulting trail erosion.
3. Time to place order with State nursery for spring planting of trees and shrubs along the lake frontage that is currently being cleared of buckthorn.
 - a. Permission granted by Jim Vaughan to plant Red-osier dogwood, wild plumb, and bur oak. The total cost of 100 seedlings each is about \$275.
 - b. Placement of tubes on the seedlings to protect them from wildlife will be needed.

- a. Scott shared email exchange between himself and Jim Vaughan about the order for State nursery.
- b. Question about the process of decisions for projects. How does the committee make plans for projects.
- c. Nancy shared plant book that guides about what is recommended to plant in various topography. DNR recommends
- d. Scott moved to table discussion about the order from State nursery.

4. I would like to assure Jim Vaughan (park director) next week that I have the boards support to be the sole spokesperson between Parks and FOBL. Nancy lobbied Jim Vaughn against the above 'new business' planting proposal listed above and the outcome of her lobbying is that Jim has suspended all FOBL activities at Bass Lake until a sole spokesperson is selected to represent FOBL.

- a. Scott read email from Jim Vaughan. Vaughan's email requests a single spokesperson.
- b. Discussion.
- c. Motion : **That the President is the sole spokesperson between FOBL and SLP Parks to communicate the will of the board.**

This motion received a second. Discussion was then conducted on this motion and a vote was taken. Of the (8) FOBL board members, (6) were in attendance and (2) were absent from the meeting. The vote results were (5) Yes, (0) No, and (1) Abstain. The motion is carried.

Scott Carpenter, Yes
Nancy Rose, Abstain
John Snyder, Yes
Susan Sackrison, Yes
Frank Steck, Yes
Kari Haeger, Yes
Paul Adelman, Absent from the meeting
Mark Berg, Absent from the meeting

5. Kayak access and cattail removal test plot will be considered for funding through the engineering department if FOBL decides to reapply for DNR removal permit.

Announcements

Sat, Dec 8 1:00 event to tour Pavek museum and then Steel Toe at 2:30.

Bob: care-taking of Wolfe Park and promoting use of park

October 8, 2018

In attendance: Nancy Rose, Scott Carpenter, Aimee Horstman Olson, Susan Sackrison, Paul Adelman, Mark Berg, Elizabeth White, Janice Piepho

Guest: Jen Kader from Fresh Water Society

Budget: Approximately \$1200

Old Business

1. Bird walk tour with Sharon Stitler September 23
 - a. Review: was nice, lower attendance bc of limited invitation due to weather but nice tour - saw kingfisher, 3 kinds of ducks, many warblers, a bald eagle & more. Will repeat during Spring migration.

2. Surface water management plan presentation at City Council Study Session attended--
 - b. Review: short session for \$ 30 million dollar budget; City Plan must correspond with Metro Council plan
The draft Plan is On SLP government engineering site for stormwater management plan. Another meeting with Watershed Director is set for Wednesday 10/10/18 for the state of water in SLP.

3. The proposal for the wildflowers around the bench was approved by Jim Vaughn. See additional info in new business.

4. Grants status: Hennepin County natural resources grant
Due about Nov. 9. \$5-10,000. Working on it.

5. Director of Communication: Open position. Jane Steck has done lots to get us up and running with Mail Chimp. Talk to Scott or Nancy if interested.

6. Membership director: Open position to support various groups (board, members, volunteers) and ask for dues yearly. Talk to Scott or Nancy if interested.

7. Thursday night volunteers concluded last week.
Completed projects include:
 - a. Installation of trail entry signs
 - b. Woodchip trail paving
 - c. Removal of concrete debris and buckthorn piles to the trailhead for city removal.
 - d. White spruce tree weeding and tree loss (25) reported to city for replacement
 - e. Deer exclosure ready for planting
 - f. Plant material delivered to exclosure area.
 - g. SLP construction of new outlet structure
 - h. SLP parks dept new paved path and entry at Bass Lake Park

- i. SLP storm water ponding project mini-storage
- j. Kiosk and stocking with communication

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- Acknowledge the contribution of over \$350 k by city to support this work
- Estimate \$10,000 to get mat of bog material (cattails) out with trucks.

New Business

1. Nancy and Natalie worked on planting; shared plan
 - a. gate of fence in middle of flower area is easily moveable and can be moved to be prepared for the fall
 - b. Set date for moving fence--spring 2019
5. Proposal for wildflower garden around the bench at the outlet structure. (Jan)
 - Need to remove weeds by smother method
 - Need to determine budget before sourcing the native plant material
 - Can do in stages - spring and fall repeated over a few years to grow into space

- Questions:
- What plants? Natalie Shanstrom has prepared a Plan & plant list
 - Soil health and needs?
 - What to plant in first round?
 - How to protect from deer? Fencing or agricultural row cover
 - Choose plants the deer do not care for / prairie plants v woodland plants

General News

1. [Minneapolis Park Board bans Rodeo and Roundup, all glyphosate uses, all parks.](#)
2. Buckthorn removal done for the year: Idea is to do sample area of 3 cut buckthorn method: (Roberts Bird Sanctuary) cutting the new growth three times. This method is an adjunct to FOBL current methods: pulling with weed wrench/winch or cutting with saw and treating stump with basal herbicide.

Future Events

- Fall 2018:** Volunteer appreciation lunch in woods this fall (12-14 people) May expand to include other FOBL people
- a. Elizabeth offering to host; will coordinate with Nancy to find date and plan

[Fresh Water Society 50th Anniversary at MN History Center Oct 25 6-8pm](#)

Vision for FOBL 2019:

- Jen Kader - Fresh Water Society: come back again in November to lead us through a further brainstorming for future planning.

September 10, 2018

In attendance: Kari Haeger, Nancy Rose, Scott Carpenter, Frank Steck, Ava Gardener, Scott Chase, Aimee Horstman Olson

Old Business

1. Volunteer completed projects include installation of an informational sign on the gate into the deer enclosure area.

New Business

1. Membership and email lists progress report

-Need a person to be responsible for collecting contact data from new members & new contacts; classifying them, and communicating them to the list manager. Also to request dues renewals, possibly in a newsletter or individually. Currently, Scott C. has a Board communications list, Nancy has a volunteers list, and Susan has a general list which is a collection of sub-lists, ie Boardmember, former Boardmember, Minikahda Oaks resident, Wolfe Park res., media, City Council members, etc.

2. Grant proposal progress report

-- Two DNR Legacy grants are due September 21 and 24. Requirements are complex and difficult for our organization. Great River Greening offers package service, writing a grant, designing and executing the project. If there are enough funds remaining after this round, we will again review our project with GRG.

- Hennepin County Stewardship grants will open for proposals soon and will be due about November 1. We will investigate further when available. Linda Mell, a FOBL member and retired professional grant writer, will direct our process.

3. Communications improvements using 'Mail Chimp'.

-Jane Steck is willing to manage communications - a fall newsletter is being considered.

-Question: Add a mission statement to that?

-Susan Sachrison organize the lists?

4. Review and set goals for fall outdoor projects including:

-New Thursday evening hours 5:30-7:30 pm.

-Scott intends to focus on the following 6 areas:

-Complete the ground preparation in the deer enclosure area.

-Close the fence.

- Begin planting native plants donated by gardeners.
- Finish spreading and grooming the woodchip trail.
- Install the north and south trail entry signs.
- Remove weeds from around the base of the white spruce trees.

-Nancy will revive weekend day time hours similar to 2017, to continue to gather materials to be removed by the city, including concrete debris and buckthorn cut a year ago.

Note: Needs to be stacked up in the woods in 6 foot lengths.

6. Proposal for a wildflower garden around the bench at the outlet structure.

-Action: Waiting for designer to plan plants and locations, to be reviewed by City Natural Resources Director

-Discussion about port-a-potty: City would have to do and maintain.

Decision: City unlikely to maintain; not pursued

-Action: Ask N'hood for \$ to support. Money would be for seed and maintenance.

-Consider a sign, "Native Restoration by M.O. neighborhood and FOBL"

-Follow up: Nancy talked to president, Jill, but planned N'hood meeting for 9/10 was postponed.

7. Frank asked a question about the study of the water level at the outlet - is there a leak? How to fix it? How to study the amount of leaking? Want the water level maintained higher to drown the cattails.

-Response: Watershed questioned whether or not the drought caused the low water level.

8. The mini-storage holding pond has inadequate capacity when it rains. The water flows over the path. The City could increase capacity by removing fill from pond area and reopening channel to overflow area.

9. Nancy met with Ann, our city council member, walked the path and shared concerns about the outlet, the mini storage swale and pond.

10. FOBL participation in the surface water management plan considered.

Future Events

-Bird walk with Sharon S September 23 (limit 15 people)

Suggestion: send sign-up out to board members and then open up to other members until all spots are filled.