

FWT Board Meeting- Minutes June 15, 2020

Present via Zoom: Denise Bilsback, Anna Taylor, John Boettcher, Norma Platt, Bill Polito, Eric Turberg, Bud Gearhart, Craig Hurlbut, Stewart Agor, and Hal Harris

- **Administrative Tasks**

1. Approve Minutes from February Meeting OK
2. Membership Status- Denise Bilsback See report. 2 new members; Work hours up. Amazing work Trail Stewards! Thank you, in this time of Covid when we have not been able to host our Trail work days. The trails look beautiful. Your hard work is much appreciated.
3. Review of Treasurer Report- Bill Polito See report.
4. Social Media – Anna: Facebook 661 Followers. Instagram 162 Followers, Positive Comments posted to FB from hikers who enjoyed finding heart-shaped mowing in Whiting Rd Nature Preserve. Thanks Trail Stewards! See copy of posts attached.
5. Website Inquiry Summary – Norma Platt See report
6. Communications Update- John Boettcher
7. Website Updates – Steve Snyder/Anna Taylor

- **Main Topics**

1. Parks & Rec Chris Bilow 06/11/20 Meeting update: Anna Taylor
 - a. Hojack Trail Mowing and repair update
 - b. Link to FWT Website from P&R website
 - See meeting notes. Good meeting— eager to work together. Glenn/P&R will take over the mowing of Hojack from Drumm Rd to Van Alstyne. Anna will share outline of mowing responsibilities with Glenn and keep a copy on file for FWT.
 - Glenn asked about existing boy scout projects that may need repair: FWT is happy to assign upcoming Scout projects to repair existing. Glenn to reach out to Anna Taylor and Eric Turberg with bridges, board walks, benches, or other existing scout projects that are in need of repair.
 - Denise has been replacing Passport markers. P&R to reach out to Denise for this task in the future.
 - Hikes: P&R would support FWT Hike Events, hosted by FWT. P&R will help promote with press releases and outreach. FWT to suggest (3) hikes, FWT to come up with proposal for hikes and proposed dates.

- Trail entrances- Glenn noted potential future project to look at more consistent gates, signage for Trail entrances. Hal/FWT would be happy to work with Glenn on trail access, modifying entrances and offer suggestions, assistance.
2. Trail Chair Update: Craig Hurlbut
 - a. Trail work days: June/July
 - July Trail Work day:
 - Craig coordinating with Thomas Cross Country Team Coach as this Trail work day is a partnership with the Team.
 - Anna to follow up with P&R regarding moving forward with Trail work day in Phase III
 - b. Can we modify to be a virtual event or very small 2-3 people, scheduled in staggered way?
 - Details to be confirmed in July Board Meeting
 3. Bird Sanctuary Trail: Proposed additional trail, bridges and seating area; voting
 - See notes emailed 06/14/20 to Board.
 - Board Members present voted, Vote: 7 no's (+ (1) No from email response from Board). FWT will not move forward with Proposal.
 4. Boy Scout Projects: Eric Turberg – not discussed given time constraints
 5. Open Space Updates:
 - a. New Trails-State Rd Property—any opportunity to start work? – not discussed given time constraints
 - b. Open Space: Bruckner and Eckler Property updates: Hal
 - Hal continues communication with town about Eckler and Bucknell properties.

- End of Meeting 7:40 p.m. Zoom conference ended-
 6. Trail Mapping: Shari – not discussed given time constraints
 - a. Schedule training with Shari
 - b. Install updated Trail maps at Whiting Rd: Anna and Shari to schedule
 7. Webster Library: request for Zoom Meeting, could we create one on the value of open space - not discussed given time constraints
 8. Upcoming Events
 - Anna will find a location for an outdoor meeting in July.
 - July Trail Work Day: Scheduled for July 25,2020 at FMCP, partnering with Thomas Cross Country Team
 - Anna to look at Zoom Subscription for FWT future Board Meetings.

