

## **Friends of Hoyt Park**

**Minutes for Thursday: June 8, 2017 @6:45**

**Sequoia Branch, Madison Public Library**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order 6:50P and Ranger Erick Fruehling introduced himself. Other attending: Richard Adelman, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Anne Reis, Anne Bady Raffa, Vaughan James, Ron Harris, Andrew Wickizer

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of May 11, 2017 approved by voice vote.

### **Treasurer's Report:**

- Financials: As of June 6, 2017 cash on hand was \$14,143.16
- Check approval: None
- Approved by voice vote.

**Announcements:** Ranger Erick Fruehling began work on Monday 6/5/17. Erick will be working M-F for a total of 480h over the summer, switching out a week day when he attends Saturday work days or special events. Erick is a Madison native with a BS in Botany and recent work experience with the city's Urban Forestry Survey. Erick asked for guidance re: prioritizing projects and to look at the 2016 ranger's final report. Board members suggested that he refer to the Hoyt Park master plan but priorities in general were managing invasives, trail maintenance, reporting safety issues to the board so that the city can be contacted, ranger acts as the eyes and ears of the FOHP and the city but is not an enforcement position; areas of special interest are the Overlook and the Ready Prairie. Erick should identify and seek board approval for a 2017 project. Ranger will list downed trees in the park so that Tim A can contact Laura at the city.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Workdays: May 18 work day was lightly attended due to weather but Mead & Hunt volunteers and limited FOHP members also worked on May 20 to plant 1200 native plants with 400 more back ordered but expected in time for the July work day.
- Events/Outreach: The May 19 Bat program had a good turnout of 18 people with about 1/3 of them first time attendees of a FOHP event. The weather was cold and windy so no bats were spotted but Anne Reis gave a great Bat educational program. A Bat Program will be scheduled on another Friday night this summer (date TBA).
- Anne Reis suggested a set weekday volunteer drop-in time. Ranger Erick decided that a good time would be each Wednesday at 10A, meeting at the main parking lot with children under 13 to be accompanied by an adult. Erick will be supplied with volunteer release forms.
- Membership/Communications: Vaughan James will be sending out a newsletter mid-July and asked for newsletter content suggestions.
- Ad-hoc: Picnic in the Park: Madison Parks Foundation's Picnic in the Park will be held at Hoyt Park on October 28, 2017. FOHP board suggested we improve the kiosk display and Vaughan James offered his labor to create images on metal for a more permanent display. Also suggested was the FOHP prepare a brochure of what has been accomplished in the park over the last 20 years. Anne Reis volunteered to help compose.

### **Old Business:**

- Grants update: FOHP rec'd two grants for use this year (Mead & Hunt, Dane County Environmental Council) totaling \$3326. There is \$1175.62 left to be spent; suggesting

herbicide and tools. Neither grant requires detailed financial accounting but a written report is required for the Dane Co. grant in the spring. There is no specific deadline for the Mead & Hunt report.

- Volunteer workday: June 17 workday will be trail maintenance with gravel and ring bar to be provided by the Parks Dept. 10-20 Cuna Mutual volunteers may be possible. July workday will be fireplace maintenance. Fireplace vandalism will be reported to the city.
- FHP picnic: June 24, Roy's shelter, noon to 2:30P, FOHP will provide cups, plates, napkins, utensils and beverages.
- Greater Celandine and Wood Poppy Control Plans: Paul at the city suggests preventing seeding of Greater Celandine to help limit spread. Wood poppy will be limited to 2 areas in the park; lower end of the ravine and along the lower bluff trail.

**New Business:**

- FHP binders at Sequoya library will be scanned over the next year to remove the 3-5 binders from the library as the by-laws do not require a physical copy of the ranger reports and meeting minutes. New minutes will be drafted by the secretary and, after amendment and approval at the next month's board meeting, a pdf of the approved minutes will be posted on the website approximately 5-6w post meeting.
- Anne Reis suggested that FOHP do a monarch outreach program. We will plan this for next year as more monarch supporting plants are needed in areas that the public can access.
- Anne introduced the iNaturalist app where 'citizen scientists' can submit photos of wildlife (plants, animals, bugs) within the park and other iNaturalist contributors can assist in identifying. A further introduction and tutorial will be conducted at the FOHP July 13, 2017 meeting.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 13, 2017 6:45P @ Sequoya library

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:40P**

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