

## **Friends of Hoyt Park**

**Minutes for Thursday: July 13, 2017 @6:45**

**Sequoia Branch, Madison Public Library**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:50P and Tomas Gverzdys introduced himself as the new Rocky Bluff representative. Others attending included Tim Astfalk, Richard Adelman, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Andrew Wickizer, Vaughan James, Erick Fruehling, Ron Harris, and Anne Bady Raffa.

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of June 8, 2017 approved by voice vote.

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

- Financials: As of July 11, 2017 cash on hand was \$13,905.16
- Check approval: Ranger shirts, PO box annual renewal approved by vote
- Report approved by voice vote.

**Announcements:** Ranger report: Erick has been doing buckthorn pulling facilitated by the rain softened earth, poison ivy control and storms have required further trail repair. Adam, the city park ranger told Erick that he was going to start ticketing for dogs off leash in the park, info that Erick could pass on to park users as needed. Paul K., the conservation park supervisor has lent a weed wacker to Hoyt Park for an undefined time period. There was discussion regarding whether volunteers should be able to use the weed wacker and it was determined that it should only be used by Ranger Erick.

### **Committee Reports:**

- Workdays: June workday focused on trail repair with installation of rain bar and gravel. There were 2 new workday volunteers.
- Events/Outreach: Deadline for newsletter information August to Vaughan J. Vaughan will put information about the Wednesday 10AM drop-in workdays on the website and facebook page.
- Membership/Communications: Vaughan J will obtain their names and contact information from the release form in order to contact them for future FOHP events and news.
- Ad-hoc: Picnic in the Park: Ron H will call Stephanie, the executive secretary for the Madison Parks Foundation to see what FOHP can do to promote the park and the Friends group at the October event.

### **Old Business:**

- Grants update: We need to decide how to spend the remaining \$1175.62 by March 2018. Suggestions include herbicide and equipment such as hand pruners, loppers, and handsaw.

- Volunteer workday: The next workday is July 17 and the focus will be planting the remaining 400 plants that came in from backorder. The plants will be put in south of the Overlook and around the northern most Overlook fireplace. If time permits the work crew will do fireplace maintenance.

- FOHP picnic was attended by around 12 people with good food and conversation. Discussion of the event centered around how to get information out to a wider group of people. Ideas included advertise events at the park entrances using signs like political yard signs, advertise on the park bathroom doors, advertise in surrounding business windows (EVP on Mineral Point and at Sequoia, Whole Foods, Metcalfes, Sequoia library). We will try this technique with a future workday schedule.

#### **New Business:**

- Ranger Farewell Party: 5 PM at the Overlook picnic tables. Erick will choose a couple of dates and email the board. **September 7 was chosen as the date of the event.**
- Bat Survey #2 was set for Friday August 11 with a bad weather backup on Saturday August 12.
- iNaturalist demo to be conducted by Erick on Saturday August 26 at 10AM.
- Winter Full Moon Owl walk was discussed. Date to be set later. Full moon on Wed January 31 or Friday March 2, 2018.
- FOHP Winter party was discussed. Formats to consider include sit down dinner, appetizers only or informal buffet. Target date is the second Thursday in December (Dec 14) instead of the regular board meeting.
- Capital Times ran an editorial regarding the use of glyphosate pesticide (Roundup) in city parks. FOHP decided not to announce an opinion until it was clear that the city parks department needed to put forth a rebuttal and asked us for support of such.

**Next Meeting Date:** September 14, 2017 6:45P @ Sequoia library

**Meeting adjourned @ 8:40P**

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