

**Friends of Hoyt Park**  
**Minutes for Thursday, June 10, 2021 @6:45 PM**  
**Roys Shelter Hoyt Park**

**Welcome & Introductions:** Tim Astfalk brought the meeting to order at 6:50PM. Friends attendees included Tim Astfalk, Rich Jablonski, Cheri Swenson, Tim Kessenich, Andrew Wickizer, Erin Augspurger, Ron Harris, Ranger Andy Gricevich and Phil Lindemann.

**Public Comment:** None

**Meeting Minutes:** Minutes for the meeting of May 13,2021 approved by voice vote.

**Treasurer's Report:**

- **Financials:** As of May 31, 2021 cash on hand was \$21,974.69 . Member contributions totaled \$1720, up \$145 from last month.
- **Check approval:** Cheri S requested reimbursement of \$26.36 for paint purchased for the sandwich boards. Cheri also presented Tim K with annual meeting ice cream truck invoices for Schoep's ice cream (\$96) and Cool Sweet Treats (\$120) and a donor sponsor contribution check for \$250.
- Report approved by voice vote.

**Announcements:**

- **June Workday:** June 19 @ 10am for fireplace cleaning. Meet at the main parking lot. Drinks but no snacks to be provided.
- **May Workday Recap:** Rain was forecast but 7 individuals worked in the woods south of the Ready Prairie pulling garlic mustard and dames rocket.
- **Ranger Report:** Ranger Andy has been acquainting himself with the park, reviewing previous ranger reports and working hard on invasive control. Andy met with Chad Hughes (West Parks supervisor) to discuss creation of a new meandering walking path in the woods on the northwest side of the park. The new trail would replace the established trail that follows the fence line on the northwest side of the park allowing homeowners on that side of the park more privacy. Ranger Andy also reported speaking to a Wingra School middle school teacher who has interest in students involved in a fall time volunteer project. Yet to be determined whether this would be a school event or a park event.

**Old Business:**

- **City review of Good Oaks restoration recommendations:** Paul Q (City Parks Conservation Supervisor) reported back on June 9 regarding city review of the Good Oaks recommendations. City Parks was in full support of the recommendations put forth by Frank Hassler/Good Oaks with the promise of monetary, equipment and manpower support agreeing to a focus of the FHP W5 demonstration area (the woodlands on the northwest side of the park) as well as other oak/hickory woodland or savannah areas of high restoration priority:W1, W2 and W7. In an email to Tim A. Paul wrote: *Parks can commit up to \$5,000 to advance some of the woodland restoration work. The Parks could hire a*

*contractor to remove excess shrubs and smaller trees, use our Parks Arborist crew to remove larger canopy trees, and possibly follow up with (appropriately timed) brush mowing or prescribed grazing. Cut-stump and foliar re-sprout herbicide treatments could be used, if desired. Native seed and plants could be added when the woody control work is done. Volunteers could augment these efforts by completing some of the work. With proper training and waivers, volunteers are allowed to operate chainsaws, burn brush piles, conduct prescribed burns, and apply herbicide in Parks.*

- **Board Transition:** Board elections will be held at the July 25th annual meeting. Phil Lindermann attended the meeting at the invitation of Andrew W. and is interested in being put forth for election as an at-large board member. Kate A. is interested in the Rocky Bluff neighborhood representative.
- **July 25th Annual Meeting Planning:** The meeting will be presented as a Family Fun Day and business meeting with the Main Shelter reserved from noon -3 PM on Sunday July 25th. Cheri S has confirmed Cool Sweet Treats ice cream truck will have 240 treats available for serving from 12:30- 2:30. FHP will have a donation bucket next to the ice cream truck for individuals who wish to donate to the Friends. Ice cream treats will be free of charge to attendees thanks to member Tom Z. sponsorship. The Board discussed family oriented games to play before the 2:30PM Business meeting. There will be a scavenger hunt (Cheri), water balloon toss (Andrew) and a bean bag toss (needs leader) with prizes (Cheri).
- **Fencing/ Screening options at Sunset point:** Waiting to hear from Tim Metcalfe regarding his contacts with landscapers.
- **Date for late summer Bat survey:** Anne R. (survey leader) would like to target August 20th: 7:45PM start with an 8PM sunset, 8:15 survey.

#### **New Business:**

- **Dane Co. Environmental Council Grant:** Call for grant applications has been posted with the applications due August 2. Tim A. is willing to draft a prescribed burn grant application with Tim K. providing the 2 required bids.
- **Bioblitz using iNaturalist App:** Ranger Andy is willing to hold a bioblitz event but needs time to acquaint himself with the App.

**Next Meeting Date:** July 8th 6:45PM @ Overlook picnic area

**Meeting adjourned @ 7:55PM**