

Friends of Hoyt Park
Minutes for Thursday, November 11, 2021 @6:45 PM
Virtual Meeting via ZOOM

Welcome & Introductions: Rich Jablonski brought the meeting to order at 6:45 PM. Friends attendees included Phil Lindemann, Cheri Swenson, Glenn Teschendorf, Tim Astfalk, Tim Kessenich, Anne Bady Raffa, Anne Reis, Ron Harris and Ranger Andy Gricevich.

Public Comment: None

Meeting Minutes: Minutes for the meeting of October 19, 2021 approved by voice vote.

Treasurer's Report:

- **Financials:** As of November 11, 2021 cash on hand was \$28,675. The Ranger salary has not yet been paid out for 2021. Member contributions totaled \$5855, up \$45 from last month. Glenn T asked about whose responsibility it was to contact members with lapsed memberships. The Membership Committee Chair Cheri S indicated that this was a task that fits the role of that committee.
- **Check approval:** Glenn T asked for board approval for a reimbursement of \$125 to Tim K for 2.5 gal of Pathfinder 2 herbicide. Reimbursement approved by voice vote.
- Chair Rich J has been added as a PayPal user with full permissions in addition to Treasurer Glenn T.
- Report approved by voice vote.

Announcements:

- **November workday:** Tim A will lead the volunteer workday on Nov. 20th meeting at the main parking lot at 10AM. The workday task will be seeding the Oak Restoration demonstration area with prairie and woodland seed, 90% of which was collected at Hoyt Park.
- **Family Sledding Day:** Our first event of 2022 will be held on Sunday February 6th from 1PM-3PM. We will meet at the main shelter for a snow-filled (we hope) day of sledding. The event will be discussed in more detail at the January meeting.

Old Business:

- **Late Fall FHP Newsletter:** A reminder to board members and Ranger Andy to turn in a short bio, newsletter articles and park photos to Vaughan James previously due by November 8th. Vaughan will then mock up a draft newsletter for review prior to sending out the final copy.
- **Woodland/Prairie Committee report:** Committee chair Tim A with members Glenn T and Tim K reported that City Parks has provided Oak Savanna restoration signs and those will be put into place. Wes Foell has reached out on behalf of Bagley Ct./Parkway neighbors to discuss the invasive removal near owners' lots. Tim A plans to schedule a meeting with Friends and Bagley neighbors to discuss on Nov. 13, 2021. Tim A has been in contact with City Parks to finalize requirements for conducting burns in the park by the Friends.
- **Membership Committee report:** Committee chair Cheri S with members Kate A, Anne Reis and Phil L have not yet had a meeting to discuss an approach to increase and engage

the current membership. There was a discussion of how to handle our information sensitive list of current members and their contact information so that the committee has up-to-date information on member status. According to the FHP ByLaws, the FHP Treasurer is tasked with maintaining an up-to-date membership list. The Membership Committee needs to have read-only access to this list in order to invite lapsed members to renew their membership. The on-line platform for this data sharing has yet to be determined. The board discussed contacting lapsed members in January after year end giving has concluded.

- **Oak Restoration Project update:** no update other than that presented by the Woodland/Prairie Committee.

New Business:

- **Ranger Report:** Ranger Andy has been revisiting areas in the park where invasive species were pulled in the Spring and is pleased to note that the invasives are still in control. Andy has been collecting and spreading prairie seed and has been hauling brush up to locations where City Parks can collect it.
- **Fundraising/ Member dues:** We are currently behind in member contributions when compared to previous years. Treasurer Glenn T will work on pulling data to identify members whose memberships have lapsed as well as park neighbors who may be interested in joining to support the park.
- **December meeting:** There will be no meeting in December.
- **Other:** Tim A asked for ideas for volunteer workday projects. Rich J indicated that the Friends should use a workday to tidy up the official entrance to the park at Regent by the school; cleaning up leaf litter, cleaning the flagstones and weeding between flagstones. Ron H asked for an additional board member to join an ad hoc committee on web hosting currently composed of Ron H and Vaughan J. Phil L, who has some work related web experience, agreed to join the committee.

Next Meeting Date: January 13, 2022 6:45 PM @ TBD location

Meeting adjourned @ 7:42 PM

/S/ **C Swenson** January 14, 2022