



August 8, 2012

Attendees: Bunnie Beardsley, Mary Ann Hurlbutt, Eileen Preston, Jeanine Klopp, Ralph Preston, Nick Kramer, Ed Evans, Dave Walch, Bill Houck, Linda Rabjohn, Don Rabjohn, Jackie Galle, Sherry Dobson, Patti Sullivan (note taker)

Work Day – Sunday, October 14th 1:00-4:00

- All members are welcome to come and help. Please reach out and others also; this may be an avenue to recruit new members.
- We will have specific jobs in the park to complete.
- Below are some items Jay suggested as small projects:
 - Repair and repaint benches in the Yanty Creek Trail Complex.
 - Remove debris from the weir box and surrounding area in the Yanty Creek Trail retention pond
 - Remove numbers from posts in Yanty Creek Trail and paint posts so that they can be reassigned.
 - Install two grills at the eastern jetty picnic area
 - Rehabilitate the horseshoe pits in Areas 3 and 4 (remove eetation, add landscatpe timbers to boxes, replace sand, install score boards and benches)
 - Install fire ring and grill at Howden Pond
 - Remove bird feeders and support frame from old office site
 - Weed around all tree seedlings by hand – (string trimmers kill the trees)

Public Relations

- **Website** - Linda will contact Jason to add info about the Friends group. Example: Who are the Friends group, info about the various areas including the CCC/POW site, Yanty Creek and boat lunch, Turpyn Rock ...
- **Front Gate Workers** are willing to hand out info on behalf of the Friends group including info on the CCC camp. This info can also be shared at the campground.

Bike Raffle winner – Joel Zastrow of Hamlin

Sherry donated several items including a canopy and a banner. Thanks, Sherry.

Heritage Day – Sunday, September 23rd at Hamlin History Center.
Sherry will host a booth for the Friends group.

Treasurer's report

- \$2,513.39 beginning balance
- 738.00 deposit from bike raffle (thanks Nick)
- -17.49 bank service charge
- **\$3,223.90 current balance**

Ed Evan's Report

- Margie (now 88 years old), was hired by the POW camp to transport the guards whenever the prisoners were taken off site. Women weren't allowed to drive men in a closed car so her Dad bought her a 1941 Chevy Convertible with an open top. Ed bought an antique replica to put in the museum to go along with a picture he has.
- Capt. John Partridge visited the CCC camp. He was a soldier who loaded prisoners in Germany onto the ships to be sent to American camps. John was able to visit the site.
- There was a meeting between the NYS Park's group, the Executive Board and a few other volunteers. Plans for the CCC/POW camp were shared.
 - One of the results is that the boundary of the area will be extended to the creek. Finalized plans will be shared with the group when they are available.
 - Access to Howden Pond – Concerns were raised about the need for a short term solution for those who want to access the pond, generally used for boating. Currently some boaters and fishermen are driving onto the site and may be damaging historical areas. The park will look at options hopefully without disturbing another area..
- Upcoming presentations
 - Thursday, 16th 2:pm, Ed could use help at the Elks Club. They have dedicated a Lion's pin for the CCC camp.
 - Friday, 24th, 10:30 tour at CCC. Bunnie will take pictures.
 - Sunday 26th, 11:00 Chester Turpyn's family will take a tour to see the rock and camp.
- Volunteers updates
 - Need signs at Howden Pond for parking/trash.
 - Tour training has not been organized. Two of the park employees have taken the tour.
 - No response from Heinrich's grandson about Skyping with Mr. Heinrich.
 - Jay sent over gas cans for the camp.
 - Linda made handouts for the kiosk that have been very popular.
 - Turpyn rock now has signs. No path yet to the north side of the park.
 - Need to sell hay wagon and chipper on Craigslist. Any volunteer to follow up on this?
 - Coloring book – need to get the photos to Jay to make the line drawings.
 - Ed rewrote the historical information for the park so the Park can update the brochures that are handed out at the admissions gate.
 - We received a \$100 grant from the Hilton, Parma Hamlin Chamber of Commerce.

- Ed counted and documented 61 stone fireplaces originally built by CCC workers; many are in poor shape. Ed feels about 15 could be restored; 31 are in such poor shape that they should be removed. Sherry noted that there's no one currently qualified to do historical work on these. We could ask Josh if we can remove the stones from the ones in very poor shape; perhaps Scouts could help us with the labor.
- We would like to invite Josh to future meetings for his input. Note: Wednesday is his day off.

Meeting adjourned at 8:17.

Upcoming Events

- August 11, Saturday – **Reptile Show** – Learn about different kinds of reptiles at the campground recreation building.
- August 11, Saturday 6:00 - **Wooden Nickel** Concert – Rock and Roll at Area 3.
- August 16, Thursday 7:00 – **Pointless Brothers** – Bluegrass music at Area 3.
- August 18, Saturday – Join us for a night of civil War era dance featuring the **City Fiddle**. Area 3.
- August 18-19, Sat. & Sun. – **Civil War Reenactment** with battle on both days. Area 3
- August 23, Thursday 7:00 – **Stiletto** Concert, classic rock at Area 3.
- August 25, Saturday 6:00 – **Friends** Concert – classic rock at Area 3.
- August 27, Monday 6:00-10:00 pm – **Friends Band** – classic rock
- August 30, Thursday 7:00 – **Flint Hill** folk concert.
- September 1, Saturday 6:00 – **Kaleidoscope** concert – classic rock Area 3.
- October 6, Saturday 5:00 – **DJ Jam & Stam** – various music at the campground recreation building.
- October 27, Saturday – **Zombie Pirate Fest** - Join us as participants dress and run walk designated race course as zombies or pirates. Area 3. Registration required.

Website: friendsofhamlinbeach.org

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